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# Privatisation plan axed after 36 hours r trade Labour does ed over rapid U-turn on Tote sale

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR performed a re-markable U-turn last night when Robin Cook insisted that his party would not privatise the Tote. Only 36 hours earlier. a spokesman for Gordon Brown had floated the idea of selling the pool betting organisation for up to £500 million.

The privatisation plan, supposedly discussed by Labour frontbenchers, had the party's senior figures in turmoil yesterday. Claims and counterclaims were matched by confirmations and denials involving Tony Blair and his three most senior Shadow Cabinet members: Mr Brown, Jack Straw and Mr Cook.

in the end it was left to the Shadow Foreign Secretary one of the keenest followers of racing in the Commons - tosort out the muddle. Choosing suitable racing parlance. Mr Cook said: "In the run up to a general election there is a rather febrile amosphere and things get out and rouning before the rest of us have saddled up. This is a story that should never have started and we want to stop it."

The "story" began at the weekend with reports that the Tote would be Labour's first privatisation. Charlie Whelan, spokesman for Gorden Brown, confirmed that the Shadow Chancellor would like to use the estimated proceeds of between £400 and £500 million to help to fund the party's spending plans and insisted that Mr Straw and Mr Brown had discussed the plan. They think that given the current state of public spending there is potential to



Cook: "Story should never have started

realise money for education and health, be said.

His remarks were contradicted by George Howarth, a member of the house affairs team with responsibility for gambling, who said. If have no knowledge of such a pro-posal, and neither has lack. Straw.

office. There have been discussions among varicost frombenchers but no decision has been reached," a leader said: "It is still on the table but it is not something. which is going to emerge over the next few weeks."

By now Mr Straw was furning and sources close to him openly ridiculed the privatisation scheme. "We don't want to give this idea any further legs. The Home Office has looked at the idea and they found it to be impractical. If a Tory Government after 18

gained across the floor of the Commons last night as Doug-

ears has not done it. I don't think there is much scope for a Labour government, do you? We want to put a damper on this and the idea of privatisation will not be in the Labour

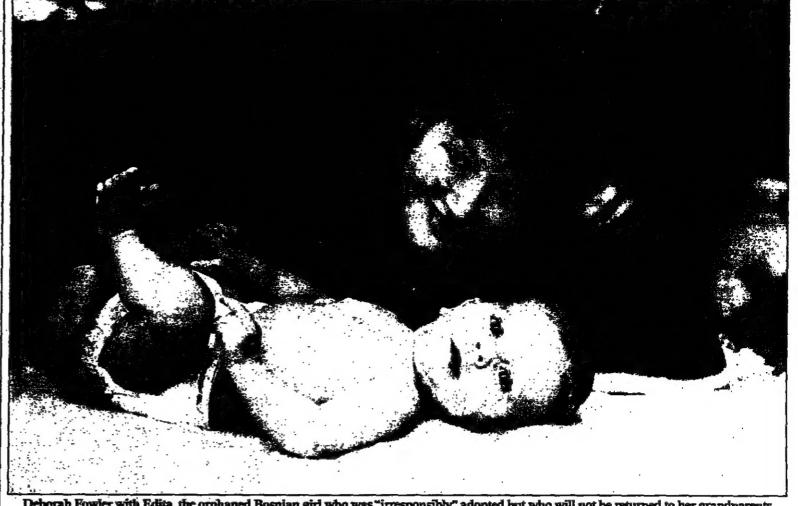
Mr Cook then stepped in-"A hare appears to have got out and run before any Shadow Cabinet member knew anything about it," he said. "I can authoritatively bring down the curtain on this story. There have been no discus-sions in the Shadow Cabinet about the sale of the Tote. There will be no proposal by Labour to sell the Tote. The Tote's future lies in racing and not outside racing as a private

"I am only too aware of the important potential that Tote has for racing and I want to see racing have the chance to realise that potential.\* Racing, which received E8.3 million from the Total last

year, regarded the moddle bemusement. Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the British Horseracing Board, said: "It is not as though the Tote is another nationalised industry like British Rail. The Total has been consistently advised that the Tote, not the Government, owns the Tote, so to suggest it may be the first privatisation for a Labour government was, to say the

least, rather surprising." If the Tote were privatised it would, under European rules. almost certainly lose its mo-nopoly and, with it, its value.

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Deborah Fowler with Edita, the orphaned Bosnian girl who was "irresponsibly" adopted but who will not be returned to her grandparents

## Bosnia orphan may stay in Britain

By RICHARD DUCE ...

A GIRL aged four orphaned in Bosnia's civil war may stay with her British foster parents even though they were guilty in adopting her, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Edita Keranovic should not have her life "shattered by the unheaval of being returned to grandparents she did not remember, said Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division. But he made plain to Alan and Deb-orah Fowler that Edita would remain a Keranovic and said the couple faced a "superhuman" struggle in convincing the child's family that her best interests remained in Britain. Edita's grandfather, Hasan

Keranovic, 58, said he was left distraught. When our family was massacred in Bosnia we could somehow come to terms with that. Edita is all that remains and we cannot be she belongs to us."

In his 48-page ruling on the future for Edita, the judge described how the nine-weeks when Serbian troops arrived at her home village of Hrustovo in May 1992. The Muslim women and children were sent to shelter at nearby Kukavic. "Soldiers attacked them there, and threw grenades into the garage and machine gunned it. They per-petrated a massacre, killing more than 30 women and children. Edita's mother and her little brother, Edin, were



killed, as were her maternal grandmother, two aunts and vo cousins," the judge said.

Edita was pulled alive from beneath her mother's body and her plight was recorded by journalists, bringing her to the attention of Mr and Mrs Fowler. They began moves which included help from

Yugoslavian-born Lady Nott, who runs a British-based charity to assist Bosnian War casualties and is married to Sir John Nott, a former defence secretary.

Edita arrived in Britain when seven months for medical treatment. Mr Fowler, 62 a chartered accountant, and his wife, 49, adopted her at Oxford County Court but the order was set aside after investigations showed members of the child's family were refugees in Switzerland.

In the original adoption proceedings the county court was given a "wholly in-accurate and misleading" factual account of circumstances in which Edita was found, Sir Stephen said, adding that the Fowlers knew

her grandfather had been found alive.

Despite that deceit the judge said Edita should remain for the the foreseeable future with the Fowlers under the authority of the court. "However, it must be ... understood that she is not their daughter and that she is a Keranovic. Because of this, active and effective steps must be taken to make her acquainted with her relatives and to get to know her true family background," he said.

The judge, whose Friday ruling was only made public yesterday, said it was no surprise that her family felt "angry and cheated . . . but the court has now to consider first and foremost the interest of

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## told of stalker

Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, who was bludgeoned to death in the garden of her home in Hastings, had feared that she was being stalked. She had told schoolfriends

that a man was following her in the streets around there house and that an anosymous caller had telephoned the las Hogg fought to head off an family home and hong up retempt to dismiss him and family home and hung up before speaking. A local man aged 44 was arrested yesterday but the police emphasised that their inquiries were ..... Page 3

Boris Yeltsin's wife, Naina, as added her voice to those illing for the President to resign, Komsomolskaya Pravda said. But Mrs Yeltsin dismissed the story, probably

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## Murdered girl

#### Yeltsin denial

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## Unionists win promises all round in censure debate

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Ulster Unionists bar- treatment ahead of herds in other parts of the United Kingdom Proposals are likely to go to Brussels within a fortnight, he disclosed. Mr Trimble had earlier

firee a vote of confidence aimed at bringing down the Divergment.

The nine-strong group demanaged to exact a similar assurance from Labour and during the debate he inter-rupted Gavin Strang, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, to ask whether he would back the progressive lifting of the ban, beginning with Northern Ireland. Mr Strang replied "Yes" and told him that the strength of the Northern Ireland scheme was its special identification scheme.

However, the promise seemed unlikely to persuade the Unionists to go into the Labour lobby, and they were believed to be holding out for further concessions from ministers before deciding which

Well before last night's divi-sion the Tory whips were confident of winning a vote denounced by Mr Hogg as a political stunt. All Tury MPs were voting, including Sir Julian Critchley, Nicholas Baker and Sir Tom Arnold, who are ill but were brought to the Commons to be "nodded through". The Foreign Secretary and other ministers came back from trips abroad.

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## Bronze lays to rest Dickens of dilemma

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DESPITE a clearly stated intention in his will that he did not want one, Charles Dickens is to be honoured with a statue - the first in Britain to be raised to our most popular of novelists, who died in 1870. Enthusiasts in the writer's

birthplace of Portsmouth have won the city council's approval to raise a bronze effigy of Dickens and have earmarked a site in Commercial Road outside Boots the Chemists. The scheme has the approval of the author's descendants and of the society which keeps his memory alive.

in his will, Dickens ordered his friends "on no account to make me the subject of any monument, memorial or testi-

monial whatever". The spirit of his wishes has long been broken; he wanted to be buried in Rochester, but lies in Westminster Abbey, and his whiskered profile stares at anyone who looks at the

reverse of a £10 note. Edward Preston, secretary of the Dickens Fellowship, said last night: That will was written tongue in cheek, using Sarah Gamp's pen from Mar-tin Chuzzlevit. It is in the same vein as Mrs Gamp saying: 'Whatever you do, leave more than a shilling's worth of gin'. Dickens loved publicity; I am sure he really wanted a statue."

David Dickens, the author's Continued on page 2, cal 4

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find £43.50 a candidate instead of the

£28.50 they were expecting to pay.

The board said: "Supplementary

charges are introduced where there are

very small numbers of people taking the

syllabus. It is a huge cost to the board if a

school enters just one or two candidates." Edexcel's two rival boards said yesterday

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## £15 A-level surcharge for Latin and Greek students



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BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN examination board provoked outrage among classics teachers yesterday after imposing an extra £15 charge on every

Latin and Greek A-level student. Edexcel, formerly the University of London board, said the extra fee for people sitting examinations this summer was required to cover the cost of setting papers that were taken by so few. The number of entrants for Latin and Greek has phunmeted over the past three

The decision to charge 50 per cent more for Latin and Greek than for other academic subjects was condemned for

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threatening the already uncertain future of both subjects. Teachers accused the board, one of three to offer A-level Latin and Greek, of breaking the spirit of its charitable status.

Phillip Parr, head of classics at The Haberdashers' Aske's School in Elstree, Hertfordshire, which will enter a dozen students for Latin and several for Greek this summer, said: "We can pay £15 extra per candidate, but you will find this puts pressure on schools with small Latin or Greek sets either not to take that subject to A level or, if they do, to pass the cost on to

"It will be another nail in the coffin of minority subjects and yet this is an education system in which we are led to

they had no plans to increase charges. SPORT.....43-46, 48 BODY AND MIND.....16

## Herd instinct leaves no one out to pasture

nent via a debate on brain-disease in cattle via a proposal to cut a minister's salary seems as mad as the maddest cow, but nobody has suggested incinerating MPs. Instead, kicking and lowing, they were herded yesterday into the Commons chamber at 3.30pm for the

great debate. The occasion was as unhinged as the logic behind it. Gavin Strang, Lahour's distrait spokesman on Agriculture, gave the impression of an innocent man confused by sophists. Barracked by Tories. he flailed wildly through his opening speech, stumbling over his first "encephalopathy" and became rattled by

Tory MPs (who think Ms Harman. Shadow Health spokesperson, made the BSE panic worse) shouting "Harriet! Harriet! Where's Harriet? He jumped back and forth in his text, took a second run at things, cried "Oh yes!" in tones

of increasing despair, and offered a passable imitation of a jumping needle on a scratched LP. When his views on beef were challenged, the hapless man protested "I don't want to make a meal of this", to howls of amusement.

Tony Blair had sent his dog. Seated beside Strang, scowling, John Prescott barked intermittently at the Tories, yelled "Shuddup" at hecklers. and tried to help. "That was July," wailed



debated.

The Agriculture Minister took neither course. In a

brazen speech, he lashed out at

every critic, questioned the

right of a Scot (Strang) to represent English farmers,

sneered at Prescott for having

once been a waiter, and

blamed the BSE crisis on Ms

Harman. Mr Hogg reminds

us of those snarling little terriers which, offered a bis-

cuit, sink their teeth into their

benefactor's leg. This stupid debate, he claimed, meant "I

Strang. "That was July!" snort-ed the dog. "Siddown. baldy!" shouted a Labour heckler at a thinning Tory heckler. "Sid-down!" barked Prescott.

Eventually Strang sat down. Douglas Hogg stood up. My colleague on The Independent thinks that as the motion was to reduce Hogg's salary, his speech should have emphasised his, his wife's and the hungry little Hogglets' need for the money. Times readers may prefer my opinion: that the correct behaviour would

tant Agriculture Council when beef will be discussed." There'll probably be a breakthrough!" shouted one.

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Labour backbencher. But at the intervention of one small group of MPs. Hogg's bile formed to treacle, Strang's railery to a coo. Yesterday was the Ulster Unionists' hour in the sun. Was that their leader, David Trimble, dropping a handker-chief? Strang rushed to pick it up. ('Yes. I will give way to the Hon Gentleman" - Hon Members: "Aaah!") The Prov-

ince insisted Strang, should be the first ship in the CORVOY" Was that Roy Beggs (Antrim E) who fluttered an eyelash?

Hogg all but embraced him. murmuring about the "special circumstances" of Northern Ireland. Hoggs had lived in Ireland. Hoggs had lived in the Province, he grunted, "for many a generation". If the minister had possessed a man-dolin he would have strenad-ed Mr Beggs's table. "I feel strongly about Northern Ire-land," he breathed.

But Hogg's ardour had limits. Ian Paisley (DUP, Antrim N) asked if he would put a case to the European Union for exempting Northern Ireland alone from the beef ban on Britain. Unless I am mistaken. John Major (beside him). his expression suggesting "what-ever", mouthed "Yes." Hogg said — in so many words. "No". A revealing moment.

Labour to

force sale

of empty

homes

PEOPLE who deliberately leave homes vacant would risk having to sell them under a

Labour government. Compulsory purchase would be a

weapon in the armoury of tackling homelessness." Nick

Raynsford, Labour's housing

spokesman, told an Empty

Homes Agency conference in

London yesterday, He also warned that private

landlords who failed to main-

tain their properties would receive less housing benefit

could be used to provide

higher benefits for the single

homeless without increasing

He said it was "scandalous"

when 120,000 families were

registered as homeless. "If

elfishly, needlessly empty

analysis of what voters want,

health and education take

precedence and housing can-

not obtain the money to pro-

A future Labour govern-ment would crack down on

badly-run local authorities by

sending in "hit squads" to overhaul services at the coun-

cils' expense (Valerie Elliott

writes). The plan, finalised by

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, emerged after talks with se-

nior colleagues about Labour

plans to send in hit squads to

turn around the weakest

vide the homes we need.".

#### Alcoholic surgeon operated while drunk' An alcoholic surgeon regularly performed operations with a blood alcohol level more than twice the drink-drive limit.

an inquiry into the deaths of two of his patients was told. an inquiry into the deaths of two of his patients was told. Gerald Davies, 49, a former consultant with St John's Hospital, Livingston, West Lothian, told a fatal accident inquiry that he regularly sat up till 2am painting and drinking half a bottle of whisky with a lager chaser.

He said he had no idea that when he began operating seven hours later, the alcohol was still in his bloodstream.

"I never realised," he said. "I tended to drink at night. Ann Halloran, 56, from Livingston, and Willie Callachan, 69, from Bridgend, West Lothian, died after bowel surgery performed by Mr Davies in 1994. The inquiry continues.

#### Brain patient claims £1m

Cameron Sharp, a Scottish Olympic sprinter who suffered brain damage after a car accident in 1991, is claiming El million in damages from Cumberland Infirmary over the way it treated him. Mr Sharp, 38, who won a gold medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games, was the victim of inexperienced staff and a hospital that made major errors in falling to consult a specialist unit; his counsel, Simeon Maskey, told the High Court in London yesterday. The East Cumbria Health Authority denies the charges.

#### MoD homes sales boom

The Ministry of Defence has beaten its target of selling unoccupied homes by more than 1,000 properties, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, announced yesterday at the start of Empty Homes Week. The ministry had aimed to dispose of 4,000 properties by end of last summer, but in fact sold 5,348. Bob Lawrence of the Empty Homes Agency said: For the first time, the ministry has made a concerted effort to deal with its empty properties. It is a significant

#### Genetic maize approved

Four new types of genetically modified maize have been approved as safe for human and animal consumption in Britain, the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday. Scientists advising the Government have cleared the maire for use in processed form in food products, including biscuits, confectionery and breakfast cereals, and as unprocessed grain in animal feed. No special labelling will be required. The new varieties are resistant to either a cereal crop pest or weedkiller.

#### Prison search deadlock

Two High Court judges, Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Hooper, failed to agree whether prison staff should be allowed by law to carry out routine inspections of confidential legal correspondence in immates cells as part of tougher searches introduced as a result of the Woodcock report into the escape from Whitemoor prison by IRA members. The case will now be considered by three judges sitting together.

#### Death on training course

The public service union Unison has called for a ban on outdoor management training courses after an ambulance manager died on a six-mile hike after a suspected heart attack. Colleagues of Stewart Barr, 42, district ambulance officer for North Ayeshire, claimed he had not wanted to take part in the hilte, fearing he was not fit enough. The walk, which involved carrying a 20lb backpack, was part of a two-week course for small; officers.

#### Legal aid frand curbed

A team of investigators set up last year to check on fradulent claims for legal aid has saved the taxpayer El million. Sir Thomas Lega, permanent secretary at the Lord Chancellor's department, told the Commons Public Accounts Committee yesterday. The accountants and officials targeted 300 claims for civil legal aid, 114 of which were abandoned. Sir Thomas said he might expand the unit to save more taxpayers' money.

#### Hospital's £Ilm repair bill

An energy-saving hospital built six years ago is facing a repair bill of £11 million because its stainless steel cladding is rotting away. St Mary's Hospital on the Isle of Wight was commissioned by the December 1 commissioned by the Department of Health as a prototype energy-efficient hospital and cost £29 million, £13 million over budget. However, an independent report has concluded that most if not all the cladding will have to be replaced because rain is sceping in.

#### Stalker 'sent lawyer gifts'

A stalker claiming to be awaiting a sea change operation was jailed by Paisley Sheriff Court for four months on two charges of breach of the peace after putting a woman lawyer with whom she had become obsessed through a two-year ordeal. Roseann McAlpine. 28, shadowed the laywer's every move after seeking professional advice, showering her with unwanted love letters and gifts. McAlpine was freed after a new lawyer lodged an appeal.

#### Hunt for escaped murderer

Police were last night searching for a murderer who absconded from Leyhill open prison near Bristol. Stephen Mynott, 33, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure 17 years ago after he and another teenager battered 54-year-old Edward Cotton to death when he exposed himself to them. Mynott, who is not considered dangerous, escaped from Channings Wood prison. Devon, four years ago but was recaptured after six weeks.

# Rail services cut as private firm lays off drivers

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

ANGRY commuters blamed a private rail company yester-day for setting new standards of incompetence when it was forced to cut hundreds of services because it had laid off too many drivers.

Services linking the commuter belt of Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire and Dorset with Waterloo were left in chaos after South West Trains suspended 39 of its normal timetabled services yesterday for at least a month to release more drivers for peak commuter trains.

The company, which is owned by the Stagecoach bus group, gave redundancy to 70 drivers last month to cut costs and then found it no longer had enough drivers to operate its 1,500 daily services. SWT said it was retraining its remaining drivers and hoped to return to a normal service

within five weeks. John Wans, the Transport Minister responsible for rail privatisation, described the SWT management as "inept" and said the company could have its £55 million annual subsidy cut for failing to meet its obligations.

At Waterloo disillusioned passengers blamed privatisation for the problems and said promised improvements to their services had not materialised.

Nicholas Higgins, 35, a management consultant from Bracknell, Berkshire, said: There is only one thing that has changed and that is that car parking fees have gone up. It shows what happens when you let a bus company take over a train company. There

MASS vaccination of North-

14.5 million poultry was set in

motion yesterday to contain

the worst outbreak of fowl-

pest disease in more than 20

About 400,0000 birds have

been slaughtered on seven farms hit by the highly conta-gious viral infection, which is

also known as Newcastle dis-

ease. A quarter of a million

birds were killed on one farm

Emergency crews led 118 London Underground passengers to safety along the track after a northbound Tube train was derailed 150 yards outside Euston station yesterday morning. crews were called but nobody was injured in the derailment or the evacuation. All north and southbound services on the affected section of the Northern line were suspended. Services on the Charing Cross branch of the line resumed later. The Northern line between Camden and Moorgaic, the City section, was expected to reopen this morning. An investigation was being held into the cause of the

has been too much emphasis on cost cutting and not a blind bit of notice on what it does to the poor old commuter." Brian Courtney, 46, an advertising executive from

Guildford, said: "Not even in the darkest days under BR was it this bad. I was all in favour of privatisation but this lot are hopeless. Three trains from Guildford were cancelled on Friday and we were packed like sardines into a train half the normal length. How are you supposed to a do

a day's work after that?" Charles Martin, a banker from Godalming, said: "Its hard to understand South West Trains when they say getting rid of 70 drivers will make things better. You have

Mass vaccination to contain

spread of fowlpest in Ulster

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

Department of Agriculture.

said it was too soon to judge how quickly vaccination would halt the spread but

added: "It is purely an animal health issue. There is no

public-health risk from poul-

2,240 poultry farms have been infected so far, it could spread

rapidly because the industry is

highly concentrated. Six-mile

exclusion zones, in which all

Although only seven out of

try meat or eggs."

to wonder if they are using

temporary cancellations to achieve permanent cuts." A spokeswoman for SWT, which ran the first ever privatised train when it took over the franchise from BR last February, admitted "teething problems" with its staff restructuring programme but insisted it was doing its best to minimise inconvenience. Of the 39 daily services affected. only one was in a peak time and 33 were frequent, shortdistance routes, she said.

A spokesman for Opraf, the Office of Passenger Rail Fran-chising which is responsible for monitoring the perfor-mance of private train com-panies, said that SWTs overall performance showed marked improvements over BR. He praised SWT for taking rapid action to deal with an operational problem. "It is hardly a hanging of-

fence," he said. However, if the chaos continues, Opral could fine the company hundreds of thousands of pounds for failing to meet its passenger service requirements.

Critics of rail privatisation said the crisis confirmed all their worst fears about the sell off. Jonathan Bray, co-ordinator of the Save Our Railways lobby group, said: "It's certainly astonishing incompetence by management. We're not aware of anything like it happening before. There have gor to be questions asked about why this company was given the contract in the first place when their cost-cutting

project was obviously un-

are being enforced around affected farms in Antrim, Ar-

magh, Tyrone and Co Down.

In the zones, two million birds

have been compulsorily vacci-

nated. Elsewhere, the vaccina-

tion will be voluntary and at

the farmers' expense, but most

Scientists are to carry out

fresh investigations of the

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are expected to cooperate.



A drawing of the proposed Dickens statue

## Dickens of an effigy

Continued from page I great-grandson and presi-dent of the International Dickens Fellowship, said: "I do not see any reason why not to have a statue. A lot of people saw the rebuttal of a statue in his will as a secret hope that somebody would overrule him and say: 'Of course we must have a statue. old man'. The view is that ...

dub at Portsmouth University, who is leading the campaign for a statue to mark the author's birth in 1812, said that although Dickens had stated he did not want a statue, his other wishes had already been denied him. Other members of the city's branch of the fellowship and say that a more fitting memo-

rial would be to attract more tourists to his birthplace. Dickens is not entirely without effigies. There is a statue to him in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania, and there used to be one of him in Adelaide. South Australia, until it was vandalised: its surviving remnants are now in a local museum. And there is a bust of him in the Prudential

The Portsmouth proposal, for which designs have been drawn up, is of the author standing at a table reciting from one of his works. The drawback is that the Dickens Fellowship will have to raise up to £25,000 if they wish to see their dream realised. If they can raise it the Micawberish result will be happiness. If not, misery.

## Assurance company head-quarters at Holborn Bars, central London. he was really saying Well, if Professor Tony Pointon. chairman of the author's fan

The remit of the Audit Commission would be extended so that its inspectors could go in to the worst councils and draw up action plans for-failing services. If a council or unit of the council still failed to improve its services, a future Labour Environment Secretary would order in a team of professionals, led by a senior-local government official, with the council picking up the bill.

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# Very dangerous' stalker will go free in two years



A JUDGE was yesterday forced to limit a jail sentence on a very dangerous" stalker to five years instead of life in a secure hospital after psychiatrists disagreed over whether he was mentally ill.

Judge Butler, QC, said he feared the consequences of sending Clar-ence Morris to jail for stalking a 20year-old dental nurse for eight months because he would be free in just over two years. Southwark Crown Court was told that Morris. 38, had 45 previous convictions, including the rape of a girl aged 15:

Two psychiatrists, Professor Jeremy Coid, who works at a semisecure mental unit at Hackney, east London, and Dr Harold Kennedy, said that in their opinion Morris suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and a psychopathic disorder. Both agreed he was a

"very dangerous man, particularly to women". Judge Butler said. They said a secure hospital was required for his treatment and they also agreed there should be an order restricting his discharge

from hospital without limit of

However, while Morris was at Rampton high-security hospital in Nottinghamshire for assessment, Dr Jeremy Resnick, the psychiatrist who examined him, concluded that he had found only evidence of a psychopathic personality disorder and that the defendant was not mentally ill. Giving evidence yesterday. Dr Resnick said he could not admit Morris to the hospital because he had found no sign of treatable mental illness and could

not do anything for him. Judge Butler said he found that conclusion "rather surprising" because it meant a hospital order could not be made, so Rampton

would not accept him. He asked Professor Coid if he was willing to take him into his clinic in Hackney. No. I consider him too dangerous for a medium-security hospital." Professor Coid told him.

Passing sentence, Judge Butler said that despite the "clear conflict of opinion" he felt the evidence pointed to the fact that it was "more probable than not that Clarence Morris does suffer from mental illness". He went on: "The fact is, however, that Rampton, as I say, will not have him, and Professor Coid tells me that he is too dangerous to be admitted to his medium-secure unit. There is, therefore, only one realistic course left open to me and that is to pass a sentence of imprisonment." Unfortunately, he could impose no more

than five years. The difficulty is this: he must be released on licence when he has served just over three years of that

custody for a period approaching one year, the result will be that this dangerous man will be released back into the community in not very much longer than two years from cow."

Morris was convicted last year after a jury decided that the psychological scarring suffered by Perry Southall was so severe it was the equivalent of physical injury. In a series of more than 200 incidents. the court was told. Morris had bombarded her with letters, sent items of female underwear to her at work and twice threatened her with a bladed wallpaper scraper.

Miss Southall said of the sentence last night "It's just not long enough. The thought of him being back on the streets is absolutely

Sir Peter Lloyd, a former prisons minister, said: This is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. who say psychopaths are treatable and those who say they are not. But even if they are not treatable, they are clearly not sane and prison is not the right place for them."

He said the courts were in a difficult position as they clearly had to accept the clinical judgment of those to whom they entrusted a prisoner. If the clincial judgment of the psychiatrist at Rampton was that this man was not mentally ill. the judge must accept that."

The Home Office said last night that the judge could have sought further opinion on Morris's mental

A spokesman for Rampton, which is not full, said: "If someone is not taken on by our admissions panel, then there are no powers for the person to be ordered to come here. We only admit people who are mentally ill."



## Silent phone calls and a watchful stranger at the home of murdered 13-year-old

## Billie-Jo lived and died in fear of mystery stalker

By Emma Wilkins and Joanne Bale

A GIRL who was bludgeoned to death in her family's garden had feared that she was being stalked, it emerged yesterday. Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, told school friends that a man was following her in the streets near her home in Hastings, and that an anonymous caller had telephoned the family home but had hung up before speaking.

A 44-year-old local man was arrested last night in connection with police inquiries. It is understood that he is the man with a distiguring facial birthmark who was seen in the road near the Jenkins house on Saturday, the day of her murder. Detectives: emphasised that their inquiries were

continuing.

Detective Superintendent Jeremy Paine, who is leading the investigation, said: "We are picking up accounts from her friends that she was worried about & man followwas strange phone calls to the house. Billie-Jo was very

Friends said she had been unable to give a full description of the suspected stalker but that he was white, in his 40s or 50s, wearing a leather jacket and that the incidents. began just after Christmas.

of a man who was seen by Sion Jenkins, her foster father, staring intently at the house from Alexandra Park, just across the road. Mr Jenkins installed security lights at the family home after disturbing a prowler in the garden just 12 days before the killing. None of the incidents was reported

Billie-Jo suffered severe head injuries when she was attacked with an 18 in metal tent spike. The body was discovered by Mr Jenkins. deputy headmaster the William Parker comprehensive school for boys. Billie-Jo had



Billie-Jo: was emerging

been left alone, painting a patio door, while he went to collect two other children from a music lesson.

There was clearly a lot of fear within the family regarding the prowler, which is linked to the feeling that Billie-Jo had that someone was paying particular attention to the house." Mr Paine said. There is a general feeling among the family that something strange was going on."

Detectives appealed for an anonymous motorist, who reported seeing a man leaving the Jenkins house shortly after the time of the murder, to call the incident room again with more details. Billie-Jo was fostered by the

Jenkins family four years ago. Mr Jenkins and his wife Lois, a social worker who has four natural daughters, are deeply shocked by the killing.

Their foster daughter was said to have been in fairly regular contact with her natural parents, who live in east London and are separated.

Mr Paine said: "It is clear that she came from a troubled background but she appears to have been a fun-loving person who brought joy to



Aerial view of the street, with the murder scene arrowed. A stranger had stared from the park across the road

with." Billie-Jo loved hockey, drama and swimming. At the town's Helenswood Comprehensive School for girls, Jenny. Blackburn, the headmistress, said that she had been a popular pupil, and that she had recently shown signs of maturing into a thoughtful

"There had been stresses on The Jenkins also lived in east London before moving to Hasher in the past but she was beginning to turn a corner and show signs of being serious about her work," she said

"Over the last few weeks. she was beginning to be a little bit more mature. She was

college and thinking about her Bille-Jo had a small part in a recent school production of

My Fair Lady, and was elected by 167 girls in her year as representative to the School Council. She organised a "pick-up-litter" rota around the school grounds.

school would hold a special assembly for Billie-Jo's year. Pupils would also be asked for ideas about a memorial that was to be installed in thre school grounds. She added: There is an eerie silence in

walking around very quietly "Billie-Jo was a lively 13year-old with a strong character and she had lots of friends.

There is nothing that prepares one for something as dreadful as this, but my job now is to help the children get through Billie-Jo was involved in an

sister had been chased in Alexandra Park by a man. That was reported to police at the time. There is no evidence that the earlier incident is

Lynne Lindsay, who lives near the Jenkinses, said: "Everyone is petrified now that this murderer is on the loose. No one will let their kids out of sight. We have a lovely park across the road but everyone is scared to use it."

Tom Oliver, 81, a former retired engineer who also lives near by, said: "( have been here 23 years and the place has really gone down hill, particularly in the last few years. My wife is reluctant to go out alone for fear of being attacked. I came down here to retire but sometimes I wish I

#### City fears return of four-time murderer

By Shirley English

A FOUR-TIME killer jailed in Australia is seeking parole and may be deported to his native Britain. Archie "Mad Dog" McCafferty. 47. is thought likely to return to Glasgow, which he left at the

A city council spokesman said: "Clearly there is an issue of public safety. If McCafferty is paroled in Australia he will not be subject to any enforceable parole conditions or controls in this country. These are concerns we have passed on to the Scottish Office."

McCallerty, who never sought Australian citizenship. has served 23 years in a Sydney prison. He has threatened to kill again after claiming at his trial that his dead baby son appeared in a mirror and told him to "kill seven".

He was given a life sentence in 1974 for three random murders while on drugs and leading a gang of teenagers. He was recommended to serve a minimum of 20 years and in 1981 was given a further 14 years for killing a fellow inmate, but is now said to be a model prisoner. His parole application, which will be heard next Tuesday, is his fifth attempt to win freedom.

Police, social workers, forensic psychologists and housing officers will meet in preparations for McCafferty's arrival. The council would be obliged to offer him housing and 12 months' "advice and assistance" if he asks for it.

from Australian prison

## Once genteel resort has become magnet for down-and-outs

IN ITS heyday Hastings was an elegant resort frequented by Queen Victoria and crowds of wealthy holidaymakers. Today, with many of its grand old houses converted into DSS hostels and bedsits, it is one of the poorest towns in southern England. Drug and alcohol abuse and violent crime are rife and the town is struggling to keep its
E75 million a year tourism trade.
In Lower Park Road, where
Billie-Jo Jenkins lived, there are six registered bed-and-breakfast hotels and a private care home for mentally handicapped people. An empty property next door to the Jenkins's house is used by vagrants. There are plans to turn it into a home for the mentally handicapped. There are also nine care-inthe community hostels in the town,

Although Billie-Jo's murder has shocked residents, many say that, after five murders last year, she was an inevitable statistic in Hastings. There is 14 per cent unemployment and II per cent of homes are unfit for human habitation, twice the national average. Eighteen in every thousand people in the town commit suicide, compared with 12 in every thousand nationally.

Three years ago the Government granted Hastings assisted area status, making it a priority for EU grants. One resident, Jim Horner, 65, said yesterday: "The place has deteriorated so much over the last 25 years. The town seems to be a magnet for all sorts of undesirable

over the country. Rents are cheap and people think because it's the South Coast the living will be good. They forget that it's an area of high

unemployment." Many residents believe that the high level of mental health and social problems is a result of "dumping" by local authorities

After the Second World War, London boroughs bought land in the town and built council houses. Later, when large psychiatric insti-

and bedsits in the area. Janet Francis, 50, a housewife,

said: "Some of the richest people in Hastings are the owners of hostels, bedsits and bed-and-breakfast hotels, who receive thousands of pounds of government money for housing the unemployed and the mentally ill. There are lots of

psychiatric patients wandering around Hastings unsupervised."

One man visiting a friend in Lower Park Road yesterday was typical of the young psychiatric patients in the town. The heavily tattooed man, who declined to be said he was registered mentally ill.

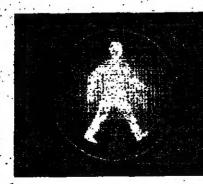
"The main problem here is drugs," he said. "They are very cheap and easy to get hold of. I used to deal them myself. I moved here six years ago from Tunbridge Wells to get away from family problems and the police. There are lots of people here like me, unemployed and living in bedsits. A lot have alcohol and drugs problems: there's nothing else to do.



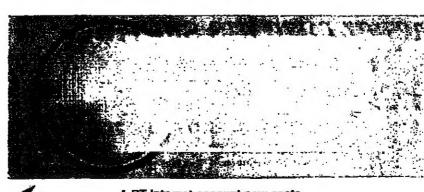
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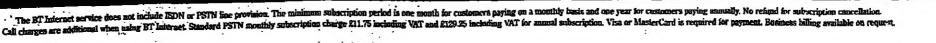
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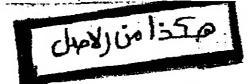


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# Inaccurate sperm tests 'misdiagnose male fertility'

SPERM tests in Britain are a study to assess the quality of the complete lottery, with many hospitals wrongly assessing male fertility, scientists said last night.

The same sperm sample was assessed by one clinic as having three million sperm per millilitre and by another as 240 million. A normal count is more than 100 million, while less than 20 million indicates the man may require treatment for subfertility.

The findings suggest that many childless couples are being misdi-agnosed and given the wrong treatments because their doctors may erroneously assume that the problem lies with the man. The finding was made by infertility experts who are part of a national sperm screening service. They blame shoddy laboratory practices and poor training of staff at NHS hospitals and private clinics.

David Thorn of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which licenses fertility clinics, said that it could do little until hospitals agreed on common screening procedures. He said a culture had grown up of giving higher priority to female rather than male fertility.

The findings, which will be disclosed at a World Health Organisation meeting in April, are based on initial studies of 20 British hospitals and clinics backed up by a second survey of nearly 100.

Hundreds of couples could be getting the wrong treatment for subfertility because of errors

by hospitals in testing sperm samples. Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent, reports

including many district hospitals. Up to 16 of the 24 samples dispatched to infertility centres were diagnosed as being below the critical 20-million mark. Yet the tres, were estimated by different laboratories as being above the level at which medical help is needed. For example one sample was estimated to have just 100,000

another centre the count was 56

The findings also show alarming difference in the diagnosis of the shapes. At one laboratory, a sample was deemed to have only five per cent healthy sperm. But the same sample, sent to another laboratory, was calculated to have 72 per cent healthy sperm.

Around 200,000 men are classed

around one in six couples estimated to have difficulties in conceiving a child Increasing numbers seek fertility treatments ranging from in-vitro fertilisation or sperm donation to surrogate births.

Allan Pacey of Sheffield Univer-Alian Pacey of Shehred On Volvetsity and Jessop Hospital for
Women said: "We have got a
situation where men are being
wrongly diagnosed as infertile
when they are perfectly normal and
the other way round: Men are told they are normal when they should be having treatment."

He said in cases where the man is wrongly diagnosed as having healthy sperm levels, "a lot of timeconsuming tests will then be done

on the female partner". The claims also cast doubt on claims that sperm counts in the western world are declining due to pollution. "If you cannot get the laboratories to read the same sample with any degree of accuracy, then how can you make wild claims about sperm

counts going up or going down?

Dr Pacey said.

Diane Critchlow of St Mary's. Hospital for Women and Children in Manchester, who is co-ordinat-ing the UK National External Quality Scheme which is assessing the accuracy of sperm screening. said yesterday that the latest figures showed a small improvement in the assessment of sperm counts but not in assessing the health of

matters, she said.

Dr Pacey and Dr Chris Barratt of Sheffield University have developed a computer screening system which they hope will standardise screening techniques and avoid the problem of contradictory results.

Peter Brinsden, medical director of the Bourn Hall IVF clinic, Cambridge, said low sperm counts should always be checked. "In the smaller labs you get up to 50 per cent variability. That means someone with a sperm count of 40-50 million could be told they are subfatilla. You found get the count. subfertile. You should get the count repeated at least twice in a unit that does a lot of investigation of male

## Minister curbs influence of social workers to end 'politically correct' refusals

## Couples win new powers to adopt from abroad

CHILDLESS couples hoping to adopt babies from abroad received a boost yesterday from a pledge by Stephen Dorrell to eradicate "political correctness" from adoption.

The Health Secretary announced rules aiming to give new rights to prospective adopters. Councils will be required to tell couples why they are being rejected as parents and adoption panels will have to include more lay

people.
"Safeguards are essential to protect children," said Mr Dorrell, "But dogmatic decisions have sometimes ruled out adoptive parents on grounds of education, age and race. The changes announced today will help to remove political correctness from adoption and introduce more independence and transpar-

Adoption panels play a key role in the decision to allow or refuse an adoption. It is vital that their judgments are objective and open to challenge by people who find that a recommendation has gone against their wish to adopt a child."

Couples and individuals will be entitled to see the reports on their suitability arguing why they should be healthy parents with a correct and a medical examination.

appeal. The Health Secretary will shift the balance of power away from professionals towards ordinary people by changing the make-up of adoption panels, which have the power of veto over prospec-

The panels must increase the number of lay members from two to three, and try to introduce more people who have adopted children or were adopted themselves. Each panel at present includes at least two social workers and a medical adviser.

The first reform in the adoption regulations for 14 years will benefit British fam-ilies willing to provide homes for orphans from China, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Far East.

Many have complained of the incomprehensible hurdles placed in their path by social been ordered to learn Mandarin Chinese, a notoriously difficult language.
The demand for foreign

babies has grown rapidly as the number of British infants placed for adoption dwindles to 400 a year. With an estimated 20 couples applying for each available British-born agencies can afford to

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Dorrell: wants system to be more transparent

same strict rules are applied to people who want to adopt babies from abroad, only 155 of the 7,000 annual adoptions currently involve foreign children.

Even if couples want to adopt children from overseas, they must be approved by their local authority adoption panel. They face bills of up to E3,000 for a "home study", which takes six months and make a written statement choose the ideal young, with them and their referees allowed to adopt, and can racial match. Because the Applicants complain that they

are rejected for being the wrong race, having too little cultural connection with the country involved or for other more obscure reasons.

Naomi Angell, who chairs the Campaign for Inter-Country Adoption, said: "People feel they are turned down because they are too educated or the fathers have high-powered jobs and won't be home enough."

Many British adoption pan-

els have an unofficial policy of rejecting mothers aged more than 35. But officials in China, for example, have such respect for maturity that they usually refuse to give children to couples unless they are at least

Social workers are accused of applying the rules on cultur-al compatibility clumsily. One couple was told to learn Spanish although the baby, from Paraguay, was born to a mother who spoke a native Indian language. Felicity Collier of the British

Agencies for Adoption and Fostering group said: "The political rhetoric which has accompanied these overdue regulations is very sad and unfortunate. The worst thing you can do for children who have lost their original families is to place them with

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Jim and Roma Lawrence complained after they were rejected as parents

## Dorrell blunders in attack on adoption decision

cally correct social workers were properly rejected as adoptive parents, an inquiry into the case by his own department concluded.

The Health Secretary made his second blunder in a week when he alluded to the case of Jim and Roma Lawrence, an Anglo-Asian couple from Cromer, Norfolk, while defending changes to adoption rules to be introduced on April 1 designed to ensure "commonsense" values prevail. Last week Mr Dorrell embarrassed the Prime Minister by suggesting that a future Tory government might abolish a Scottish parliament set up by

Speaking on the Today pro-gramme yesterday, he said decisions about adoption had become dominated by political correctness. Without naming the Lawrences, he said: "The best example is where a mixed race couple were rejected on the grounds they didn't know

THE mixed race couple who ask not whether a couple knew turned down because of the were cited by Stephen Dorrell about racism but whether they about racism but whether they welfare of children hard. loving home for the children."

Later, however, it emerged that fears about the couple's rigid attitude to child rearing was the chief reason they were rejected. It is understood they had told social workers that. children should not be allowed to listen to pop music but should listen to Beethoven instead, and that they should dress in sensible clothes rather than follow fashions.

The case sparked a national debate about adoption in July 1993 when the couple claimed they had been told they were being rejected because they were "racially naive" after they said they had not experienced any racial prejudice in 12 years living in the town. Ministers called for the

papers on the case, as a result of the attention it had attracted, and the health department conducted an investigation which concluded in September 1993 that the social workers had given "due and proper consideration" to the case. It amount.

Geoff Gildersleeve, assis tant director in charge of children's services at Norfolk County Council, said: "We are somewhat surprised if this case is being used as an example of social workers getting it wrong, as the health department examined all the papers in the case and con-firmed our decision." He said there had always been three lay members on the ten mem ber adoption panel, which had recently been increased to four, and social workers were autnumbered. Every prospective adoptive couple could see their assessment and com-

ment on it. Mr Lawrence said the health department inquiry had been a whitewash. "I spoke to the civil servants unofficially and they said it was an absolute shambles but there was nothing they could do about it. It was a local authority matter." He and his wife had given up trying to

#### Search for abducted daughter widened

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

INTERPOL yesterday joined the hunt for a respected British scientist who abducted his four-year-old daughter from her mother a week ago and disappeared with her. Mark Burkitt, 34. a bio-

chemist and cancer research specialist based at the Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, took the child during an

It is thought his mother. Patricia Burkitt, from Hull. may have assisted in the abduction. She is also missing. Norwegian police think the trio may be heading for Japan. where Dr Burkitt worked last year, although he has used a credit card in Amsterdam.

Yesterday Bjorg Knutson, 29, Dr Burkitt's former wife, appealed for her daughter's sale return and for anyone with information to come forward. She won custody of Emma in August 1995 at Aberdeen Sheriff Court. She had travelled to her former husband's home in Turriff, Aberdeenshire, to try to pick up clues as to her daughter's whereabouts.

"My husband is definitely not stable. I am just thankful that Emma's grandmother is with them, as I know she will look after her," she said.

In what appeared to be a carefully planned operation, Dr Burkitt left friends a number of letters to post, together with instructions to pay bills while he was away. Professor lan Bremner, a colleague and friend, confirmed yeaterday a letter had been recieved from Dr Burkitt addressed to the director of the Rowett Institute. "He made it quite clear he did not expect to be back for quite some time." He said Dr Burkitt had been upset about losing custody of his daughter.

#### CALCULATE CHARGE

January 23) did not, while chief executive-designate of the Millenium Commission. decide to appoint his former executive assistant at the Save the Children Fund to the post of deputy director of the Commission.

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## Park vandals must Keats off the grass

BY ALAN HAMILTON ANYONE in a public park at

Spennymoor, Co Durham, alone and palely loitering with intent to commit vandal-ism, will be deterred in future by quotations from Keats.

Officials have decided that their award-winning Jubilee Park is spoiled by official-looking notices of exhorta-tion and prohibition. Instead they are to crect placards proclaiming such pearls as "A thing of beauty is a joy forever", "Leave nothing but footprints" and "Take nothing but photographs".

The first two are quotations

The first two are quotations from Keats's Endymion, the tale of a love affair between a goddess and a shepherd. The third is not. They are a rare change from the usual "Keep off the grass". "No dog fouling" and "Do not pick the

Councillor Hannah Ferguson, who dreamed up the idea, said yesterday she be-lieved the velvet glove ap-proach to antisocial behaviour in the park would be more effective than the iron fist. We have a beautiful park which we are very proud of, and we wanted to

peace and tranquility. If you have signs everywhere about dogs, litter, ball games, pick-ing flowers or whatever, it like a fortress," Mrs Fergu-

telling people what they can and cannot do, you encour-age them to rebel: it has the opposite effect." Mrs Fergu-son said that, while she hoped the words of Keats would have the desired effect, the park authorities still had the backup of closed-circuit Terry Robson, town derk

of Spennymoor, dismissed suggestions that the citizens of a north-east industrial town might not appreciate the romantic genius of Keats. "We have a rich tradition of supporting the arts, and I am sure Keats will go down very well." The writer himself said that if poetry comes not as naturally as leaves to a tree, it had better not come at all.

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## Married quarters to be made available and pay anomalies corrected, says minister

## Gurkhas win fight to have families in Britain

By Michael Evans, depence correspondent

GURKHA soldiers withdrawn from Hong Kong will be allowed to bring their families to bases in Britain, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, confirmed

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About 900 wives and children are expected to come and 450 married quarters are being made available. This is the first time that Gurkhas serving in Britain will have their families with them.

The change in policy came after the first major review of Gurkhas' pay and conditions for 40 years, triggered by the withdrawal from Hong Kong and the relocation of the most to Britain. Many of the married Gurkhas in Hong Kong were accompanied by their

Last year, before the review was completed, the Government faced angry protests from former Gurkha service associations over its perceived failure to guarantee accompanied tours for Gurkhas moving from Hong Kong to Britain. Under an agreement

Nepal in 1947, the Government has to provide married quarters for 25 per cent of its Gurkha troops.

Of the 3,400-man Brigade Gurkhas, 2,386 are now based in Britain. There are also 830 in Brunei and about 100 still in Hong Kong. The total manpower figure will be reduced to 3,253 by next year.

Married quarters will be provided in the areas where the Gurkhas are stationed. including more than 100 homes in Aldershot, close to Church Crookham in Hampshire where the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles is hased, 44 in Colchester and 23 in Catterick.

Sergeants and below will be granted one three-year tour of duty accompanied by their families while more senior ranks will be permanently

accompanied.

Gurkha parents will be able to send their children to school in Britain or receive an education allowance for their children to go to boarding school in Nepal. As part of the review,



given an "equal pay" deal to bring them into line with their British counterparts.

The new pay system, which will cost an extra £1 million a year, will be introduced as sweep away the tangle of anomalies and allowances that mean one soldier could be earning £13,000 a year more than another of the same rank. Senior MoD sources said

corporal, married but unsecompanied and serving in Brunei was earning 17,260 a year, compared with a married corporal accompanied by his family who was being paid £20,000.

Following cross-party de-mands that the Nepalese soldiers be given equal treatment, the Government was anxious to reassure the Gurrelationship with the British Army was still valued.

Mr Soames said in a written Commons answer that from July I all Gurkhas would be paid a universal rate, replacing the previous system of special allowances that had created the bizarre disparities. Under the new system of equal pay, all corporals will receive £13,000, giving a £6,000 rise for some but a £7,000 cut for 337. Senior officers were sent to Brunei yesterday to try to explain to those getting a pay cut that for years they had

been enjoying a "windfall".

The MoD review will not affect Gurkhas' pensions which have become a controversial issue, particularly be-tween the parties in Nepal. However, the pension is linked only to the basic pay

corporal gets a pension of £26 a month. The MoD sources emphasised that, unlike their British counterparts, Gurkhas received a pension immediate-

ly they left the Army. The standard of living was also much lower than Britain's, with the average annual income only about £25, they

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#### Dying drug addict will not be tried for murder

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A DRUG addict accused of murder will not face trial because she is dying from cystic fibrosis and doctors have refused to operate unless she gives up her habit.

Linda Hargin, 24, is accused of killing Idris Abibu in Moss Side, Manchester, after a drug deal went sour. She allegedly drove off with him hanging out of the passenger window of her car which then crashed into a row of parked cars.

Anthony Gee, QC, for the prosecution at Manchester Crown Court, took the unusual step yesterday of asking for the murder charge to lie on the file. It will not be reinstated without leave by the Crown Court or the Court of Appeal.

Judge Rhys Davies said the prosecution could reactivate the case if her medical condition ever improved. The court was told that her life expectancy was precarious.

Mr Gee said: The only possible treatment would be a lung transplant but she is addicted to hard drugs and the decision not to transplant would only be reviewed if she can convince the medical authorities that she can completely withdraw from her condition because a lung transplant is extremely rare

and expensive." Miss Hargin was arrested after Mr Abibu handed a package to her. She refused to pay, claiming the substance was fake, and allegedly drove off when an argument began.

## Rain fails to dampen rocket man's high-flying ambition

STEVEN BENNETT was claiming "at least 50 per cent success" for his latest attempt to join the space race yester-day after his new rocket blasted off into the clouds over Northumberland. As he set off to look for it in driving rain, he said: "If we get the rocket back, it will have been 100 per cent successful."

It took five attempts for the amateur rocket maker from Dukinfield, Greater Manthe Army's firing range at Otterburn on the bleak Cheviot Hills.

The rain meant that adjust ments to the delicate eletronics had to be made in the back of Mr Bennett's car while a supermarket carrier bag was draped over the end of the fusciage as it was manhandled into position beneath the black nose cone... As the wind gusted to gale

force, assistants pulled rocks from the mooriand to steady the launchoad. While observers, including Mr Bennett's six-year-old son, Max, retired 400 yards, Mr Bennett hunkered down at the end of a low block wall.

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countdown from five to zero with no reaction. Rain had penetrated, causing a short circuit, he reported. At the fifth attempt there was a puff of white smoke before the slender black and silver Lexx rocket leapt into the sky. Its

flame was visible for only seconds before it penetrated the clouds 2,000ft overhead.

His hope of breaking the sound barrier appeared to have been dashed as he listened in vain for the tell-tale sonic boom. A signal from the rocket abruptly ceased and there was no sign of it floating back to earth on its built-in

Mr Bennett, however, remained optimistic. "We have achieved everything we set out to do today. Early indicamiles high and that it broke the sound barrier. No-one else

in Europe has yet done that."

Mr Bennett, 32, is using his experience as an amateur rocketeer since his youth to organise a serious commercial space venture. With the backing of Salford University. where he is now a visiting research fellow in the space science department, he hopes to set up a company capable of placing small research or commercial payloads in earth orbit by the end of the century.

aunching the 47lb top section check its on-board computer. "Once again I've proved the sky is not the limit," he said.

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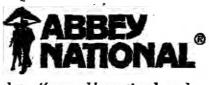
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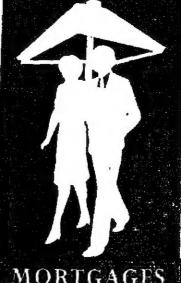
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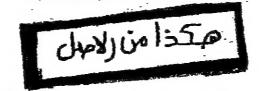
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Their horrendous plight can and should provoke deep sympathy, Appeal Court says

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## Asylum-seekers win right to free food and shelter

ASYLUM-SEEKERS who are disallowed state benefits must still be given food and shelter by local authorities, the Court of Appeal said yesterday in a ruling that will cost the Department of Health an estimated £40 million.

It said that local councils were under a legal duty to provide the basics of survival to refugees whose financial benefits were withdrawn last year and who had no other means of support. The cuts in benefits are estimated to save £200 million a year on the social security budget.

Although the Department of Health has said that it would meet the cost of helping asylum-seekers, councils claim they will still be out of pocket.

Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, sitting with two other judges, ruled that counuils must provide food and shelter under the National Assistance Act 1948 which replaced the Poor Law. The court dismissed an appeal by Westminster council and the London boroughs of Lambeth and Hammersmith and Fulham against a High Court decision that they must provide the basics for survival.

In a written judgment the three judges said: "The plight of asylum-seekers who are in the position of the respondents obviously can and should provoke deep sympathy. Their plight is indeed horrendous."

The four asylum-seekers who brought the case are a Romanian who arrived aboard a lorry last July, has siept rough under Waterloo Bridge and has nowhere to live, no money and speaks no English; an Algerian who arrived last July and has slept rough in Hyde Park, London: a Chinese citizen who arrived last May; and an Iraqi Kurd who arrived secretly last

August.
The three local authorities provide shelter, warmth and

disability and not to ablebodied people who simply had

Michael Beloff, QC, for the councils, had told Lord Woolf and Lords Justices Waite and Henry that the Government, in introducing its curbs on benefits for asylum-seekers had thought extreme measures were required to frus-trate the desire of bogus refugees to make use of welfare services at the expense of

As a result many asylum-seekers, who were not allowed



Lord Woolf: basics of survival must be given

to work, faced the choice between starvation or being sent back to the country where they claimed to have been persecuted. But that did not justify shifting the burden on to local authorities, he said.

The judges said that asylum-seekers were not entitled to claim automatic assistance from local authorities just because they had no money and accommodation. They were entitled to claim that as a result of the withdrawal of benefits, they were likely to

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added their inability to speak the language, their ignorance of this country and the fact they had been subject to the stress of coming to the UK in circumstances that involved at least a claim to refugee status.

The combined effect of these factors, with the passage of time, would produce one or more of the "care and attention" criteria laid down in the

They do not need to wait until the health of the asylumseeker has been damaged," the judges said.

The local authorities were refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords but plan to petition the law lords. Law-yers for the councils told the judges that ministers were currently proposing to take at least part of the burden back on to central government funds with retrospective effect but that still left substantial problems for local authorities. About 3,272 adult asylum-

seekers are being helped by local authorities at a cost of £645,000 a week. The Government is proposing to reimburse local authorities with payments of up to £165 per asylum-seeker a week but the authorities say the actual cost is £200 a week and they are being left to make up the shortfall.

Westminster council said that it was dismayed by the judgment. "Supporting asylum-seekers who are without accommodation or means of support is not a duty which should rest with local authorities and is fraught with legal and technical problems." The council estimates it will spend E8 million in the next financial year providing support and accommodation for asylum-

Gerry Clore, solicitor for the asylum-seekers, welcomed the ruling. "No civilised society can inlerate a system where and the courts have recogmised that again and again



Georgi Spasov, left, and Dimitar Dimitrov: adapting to local life includes the weather and the lottery

## Stranded crewmen allowed to keep their new life on friendly Shetland

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TWO stranded Bulgarians befriended by Shetland islanders were celebrating yesterday after winning their fight refugee status. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has decided not to contest an immigration tribunal's decision in their favour.

Georgi Spasov, 29, and Dimitar Dimitrov, 43, could have faced six years in prison if they returned to Bulgaria after leading the first strike in the Bulgarian merchant navy. They had been among the 50 crew of a rusting factory ship that was off Shetland three years ago when the owner stopped

Islanders came to their aid when the the crew were found to be living in the rat-infested hulk on a diet of potatoes, and scouring local rubbish tips to find broken electrical goods to repair and sell. They had no tresh food, water or medication and at one point the ship's

of the International Transport Federation. The remainder of the crew returned to Bulgaria and the two men sought political asylum in April 1995, with the help of the Scottish Refugee Council.

They were granted refugee status last October but the Home Secretary ap-pealed. The Bulgarians won the appeal earlier this month and a ten-day period in which Mr Howard could lodge further action ran out last night.

The two men rent a flat together above the fish and chip shop in the village of Scalloway. They have been working as labourers since receiving work permits a year ago. Yesterday Mr Spasov said: "I want to thank the people of Shetland who gave us huge support even before the strike, when our shipowner abandoned

ns without wages, food, fuel or water."

Derick Herning, a multilinguist who acted as the men's interpreter, said: There will be a big celebration. The local people have very much taken them to

100 that arrive off Shetland every year to spend the winter processing fish. Moored around Lerwick, they comprise a floating town whose inhabitants often outnumber the residents of Shetland's main town.

Colin McKay, chairman of the local trades council who supported the two men, said: "They are absolutely delighted. It's been a long, traumatic time for them and for the whole of the population who supported them. If they had been sent back they would definitely have gone to prison. They were deemed to have embarrassed their government at a time it was looking to join the EC.

"The support of Shetland has been

tremendous from local toddler groups right through to the MP Jim Wallace and the MEP Winnie Ewing. If the Shedanders had not taken up the cause, I think that the case may have fallen at the first. hurdle or been unheard of

"They've settled in very well and have adapted to the weather. I think they have a hankering to return to fishing and who without the aid of anaesthetic.

In desperation, Mr Spasov and Mr
Dimitrov helped to mastermind a strike,

Mr Dimitrov is divorced, Mr Spasov is knows, perhaps they will be on appoar unmarried. They are taking English again. Now they are just hoping to win the lottery like everyone else.

## Six times over limit woman is jailed

six and a half times the drinkdrive limit after she drank a bottle of vodka was jailed for four months and banned from driving for five years. Rose-mary Foster, 23, of Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent, gave the highest breath test reading recorded by a woman.

Foster deliberately vomited over two police officers and threw scalding coffee at another, Macclesfield magis-trates were told. Foster, who said she was upset at learning her father was dying from cancer, was found staggering on the M56 in Cheshire after her car ran out of petrol.

#### Pigs starved

A man aged 44 was being questioned yesterday over the discovery of 167 pigs thought RSPCA said. He was arrested after a raid on a farm near Canterbury, Kent, at the week-end. A further five pigs had to be put down.

#### Police warned

Hampshire police officers have been warned that they will face prosecution if they break traffic laws driving to reach a colleague who needs help, it is not one of the "exceptional circumstances" which justify the risk, senior officers have decided.

#### Courts gun alert

A pensioner was arrested yesterday while trying to enter the Royal Courts of Justice in Browning pistol. Last week a woman caused a security alert by holding up three Court of Appeal judges with a plastic

#### Skiing death

The body of Duncan Gourlay, director of the Port of Blyth, Northumberland, is being flown back to Britain after his death in a skiing accident. Mr Gourlay, 46, was on holiday with his wife and son in Austria when he hit a tree on a downbill cherch at Karzbühel.

#### Highway robbery

Two men in balaclavas who ambushed a late-night double decker bus in Brighton forced the woman driver to hand over the cash box after opening the doors by pressing the emergency button. They fled with less than £50 in a stolen car later found burnt out.

#### BA libel appeal

The journalist Martyn Gregory lodged an appeal yester-day against a libel win by Brian Basham, the former public relations officer for British Airways, Mr. Gregory was ordered to pay £20,000 damages last year over claims in his book Dirty Tricks.

#### Outbreak victim

A man aged 45 has died from legionnaires disease following an outbreak at Corby, Northamptonshire. He was among 21 who have contracted the illness since last August. Health officials linked the outbreak with two local industrial estates.

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## Port company convicted over ferry walkway deaths

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE company that operates the Port of Ramsgate in Kent was yesterday found guilty of failing to ensure the safety of passengers after a ferry walkway collapsed, killing six

Port Ramsgare Ltd was convicted together with the two Swedish companies that manufactured and installed the high-level gangway, by a jury at the Central Criminal Court in London. Mr Justice Clarke ad-

journed sentencing until February 26, when unlimited fines could be imposed. The charge under the Health and Salety at Work Act is £750,000. Two Britons were among those killed when a steel pin

securing the walkway came loose in September 1994. A further seven passengers were seriously injured as they plunged 30ft onto a steel platform. The verdicts leave the way open for claims for damages by injured passengers and victims' relatives.

The charges were brought by the Health and Safety Executive under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Hugh Carlisle, QC, for the prosecu-tion, said that the design of the walkway was inherently un-safe and incompetent, making

happen". He said inaccurate calculations, inferior steel and shoddy workmanship were direct causes of the accident. Lloyd's Register of Ship-

ping, which gave the walkway a safety certificate, has already pleaded guilty to a charge that it failed in its duty to check and guarantee the equipment. The Swedish firms FEAB

and FKAB were not present at the month-long hearing and, because Sweden was not a member of the EU when the accident happened, cannot be forced to pay any fine. How-ever, the verdict effectively bars them from trading in the UK unless they do so.

#### Vanishing trick marks new show If you are 50

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

MARK RADCLIFFE, the new presenter of Radio l's breakfast show, closed his first programme yesterday by claiming his white van had been stolen from outside the BBC's studios while he was

on air. Radcliffe, who replaced Chris Evans on the show with the biggest radio audience in Britain, had promised to donate the van as a prize to the winner of a competition. The plan was apparently thwarted, however, when at 8.55am - a convenient five minutes before the end of his stint - he looked out of his studio window to the street and announced that the vehicle had disappeared.

Curiously, however, no-body at Radio I told the police or was able to give details of the van's registration number. A spokeswoman for Radio I refused to deny or confirm speculation that the "theff"

was a publicity stunt.

Raddiffe, who used to host Radio l's late night "indie". music show, seemed to have forgotten the theft entirely when asked afterwards what it was like presenting his first

breakfast programme. He said: "It is obviously a bit

weird having worked late at night to be working early in the morning.
"We took some advice from

a postman we know on how it affects you getting up at the crack of dawn and he said it's horrible at first, then you get used to it for a bit and then you go mad. You only have to look at the likes of Authea Turner, Frank Bough and Earnmon Holmes to see that being cheerful early in the morning rots the brain."

Radcliffe, 38, who was broadcasting from Manchester with his sidekick Marc Riley, known as the Boy Lard, acknowledged the difficult task facing him in replacing Evans - who quit the show after he was refused Fridays off.

"We have to take care of the audience because the whole day on Radio i depends on us performing," Raddiffe said. "Personally I feel a bit nervous about that,"

Evans is negotiating with Talk Radio about presenting a weekend sports show, the commercial station has said. It is understood that Evans. 30. has been offered a sixfigure salary to host a football phone in once a week.

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# Jupiter's ice-crust moon could harbour life on ocean floor



Europa as photographed by the spacecraft Galileo

best place in the solar system to search for evidence of life, scientists

The ice-covered moon Europa, visited on Sunday by the spacecraft Galileo, is believed to possess deep oceans under the crust of ice. If pictures and other data from Galileo provide confirmation, pressure will mount for a full-scale exploration of the moon by robot spacecraft early next century.

Dr Eugene Shoemaker, of the US Geological Survey, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he believed Europa's ocean was between 100km and 200km deep and covered by a layer of ice 10km thick.

ONE of Jupiter's moons may be the best place in the solar system to hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the Earth's oceans, where heat and minerals from the mantle spilt out, creating an environment teeming with life.

Research with submersibles over the past 20 years has shown that these areas, once thought to be oceanic deserts, are inhabited by colonies of bacteria and by the Earth's fastest-growing invertebrates, the tube worms. Dr Richard Lutz of Rutgers University, New Jersey, told the meeting that at one such site on the East Pacific Rise he had found tube worms that had grown to 5ft in 20 months.

He had first visited the site, 12 miles below the surface off the west coast of Mexico, in 1991 in the

Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor, at the American Association in Seattle, hears that ocean floor activity on Europa could create an environment similar to the undersea volcanoes on Earth

destroyed all life forms. But on repeat visits over the next few years, he had seen it recover with dramatic speed. "It became a lush oasis in less than three years." His observations have convinced

astronomers that Europa is also likely to harbour life, so long as it possesses an ocean and volcanic activity. The meeting was told that there are good reasons for believing it has both.

could be enough to keep the water on the moon's surface from freezing solid. Dr Shoemaker said that Europa's relatively unpockmarked surface, with many fewer craters than

Europa around Jupiter was elliptical, creating alternating stresses on the moon that caused it to flex as it orbited. This produced heat that

it has been constantly reshaped by volcanic activity. The combination of liquid water and volcanoes would reproduce almost exactly the water is believed to have been same environment as that visited by Dr Lutz in the Pacific.

Dr John Delaney, of the University of Washington, said: "It is very difficult to say surely there will be life there but we know you can drill a hole anywhere on this planet and find bacterial life deep underground. It is beginning to look as if any planet with a reasonable brittle outer portion may have originated life. Life can start but whether it can evolve is a different matter."

Dr Squyres said that the recent discovery of a huge lake of water below the ice of Antarctica could provide a test bed for the techniques that will be needed to explore. Europa. Lake Vostok, found by the Russians close to their base, lies under 4km of ice. Its

undisturbed for millions of years. Drilling into Lake Vostok would be easy but for the lear of contaminating it. The drilling fluids needed would mix with the water, destroying its scientific value. Scientists are puzzling how to complete the hole cleanly, in a rehearsal of what may one day be needed on Europa. A number of proposals for exploring Europa have already been put to the American space agency. Nasa, and the money for such a mission is in the budget. The

be 2001 or 2002. To find life there, even if it was no more complex than a primitive bacterium, would be "an absolutely profound event in the history of human culture". Dr Delaney said.

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## Reading experiment failed millions of schoolchildren

FROM NIGEL HAWKES IN SEATTLE, AND DAVID CHARTER

direct instruction. Dr Barbara MILLIONS of schoolchildren have been unwitting guinea pigs in a failed experiment in teaching them to read, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was told. Tests had shown the controversial Real Books method did not work, researchers said.

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Foorman of the University of Houston reported on a trial in which 375 six and seven-yearolds from socially deprived backgrounds were divided

into three groups and taught to read in different ways. The best result came from direct, systematic instruction in the alphabet, known as the phonics method; the worst from Real Books.

In the Real Books group, a third learnt to read no more than two and a half words over seven months - essentially no progress at all - and few learnt more than 15 words.

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Among those given direct instruction, only 6 per cent did as poorly as two and a half words, and approached national averages on reading ability, far ahead of the other teaching methods tried. The Real Books method was

promoted by Frank Smith, an American educationist, writing in the 1970s and 1980s. A whole generation of children was caught up in the Real Books experiment, which was at its height in British schools in the early 1980s, when about one in ten pupils was taught exclusively by the method.

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make it, Mr Coates was

ent. "We realised that this

discovery was more impor-

grounding in English. Phonics requires children to sound out parts of words as they learn. In practice, teachers now fayour a blend of methods based on the phonics approach. Professor Mark Seidenberg of the University of Southern California said that the Real

trast with the phonics method,

children suffered because they

Books method, part of the Whole Language system that dominates American schools, had laudable goals — getting children to enjoy reading and appreciate great literature. But it ignored the major question of how a child learnt that the letters on the page corresponded to words and

There is an overwhelming amount of research that contradicts the basic assumptions of Whole Language teaching," Professor Seidenberg said. Learning to read is not like learning a first language. Reading involves an unusual, umnatural skill - learning to recognise strings of arbitrary printed symbols, what they mean and how they are pronounced. Whole Language as-sumes that children will just figure this out on their own."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secto ensure that teachers learn at training college how best to



Professor Tom Kilburn inspects the replica of Baby, the pioneering computer he helped to build in 1948

## Enthusiasts rebuild 7ft Baby computer that changed world

A breakthrough in computing by a team of

the personal computer has been rebuilt by a team of engineers as a fiftieth anniversary tribute to the unsung neers whose genius found

ed the electronic digital age. The computer was officially born on June 21, 1948, when Tom Kilburn, a young research engineer, ran the first program through the Mark I machine beating the Ameri-cans and making Manchester the birthplace

The Mark i, or Baby as it came to be known, was the world's first electronic digital computer capable of storing a program. Its mass of cathode ray tubes and more than 500 valves were part of a machine that stood 7ft high and 18ft long. Volunteer computer archivists, led by Chris Burton, a retired engineer, have recreated over three years the earliest model of the Baby at Manchester Computing, part

several hundred yards from where it all began.

The replica will be switched

scientists in Manchester is at last being given recognition, Russell Jenkins reports

on in its own gallery at the Manchester Museum of Sci-ence and Industry in June next year as the centreniece to the city's birthday celebrations of the computer age.

er Conservation Society, was inspired to rebuild the Baby as a homage to the men he James Watt to the advent of the steam age. They were "modest, clever" men; he savs. who never received the ac-

claim they deserved. Mr Burton, a retired ICL computer engineer from Oswestry, Shropshire, said: The first objective is to recognise the achievement of men whose light has never triumph of British innovation to counter the general misun-

derstanding that computers

were an American invention. They were not."

Another aim is to show

today's computer-literate youngsters what it was like to be one of the handful of electronically, and to give them an idea of the conditions in which the pioneers worked. The equipment was always in danger of overheating and

Contemporary photographs show earnest, white-coated young men adjusting dials and checking cathode ray tubes. They were men like the late Professor Freddie Williams, who oversaw the project as holder of the Chair

of Electrotechnics. The guiding force behind Manchester's success was Tom Kilburn, a Yorkshire-

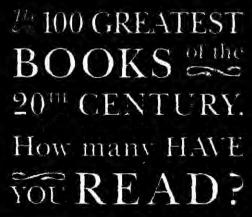
man then aged 26. He was

Edwards, Alec Robinson and following on from the work of Alan Turing on Colossus, the Second World War codebreaker hased at Bletchley Park in America, the ENIAC computing machine boasted 18.000 vacuum tubes (valves) but it could not store a program. They were in a race between Cambridge and the

The Manchester team per fected the use of cathode ray tubes for storing data. The prototype had a memory of 1024 bits — tiny by modern standards.

Professor Williams once said: "A program was laboriously inserted and the start switch pressed. Immediately the spots on the display tube entered a mad dance. In early trials it was a dance of death leading to no useful result. But one day it stopped, and there, shining brightly in the expected place, was the expected answer. It was a mowas ever the same again."

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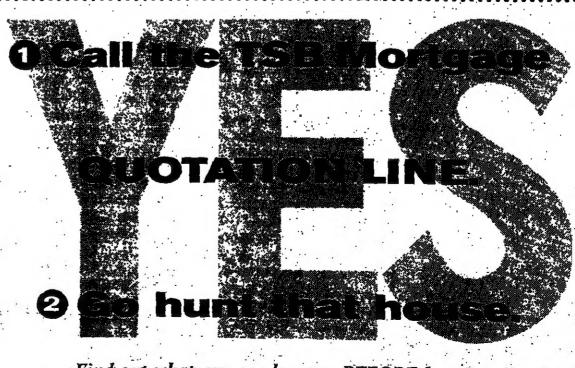
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and 4 viewers), you've still got something to look forward to. If you haven't read most of them, you've got some catching up to do. If you've hardly read my of them, welcome to the twentieth century. For an indication of where you might like to start, try the thoughts of Germaine Greer reviewing the

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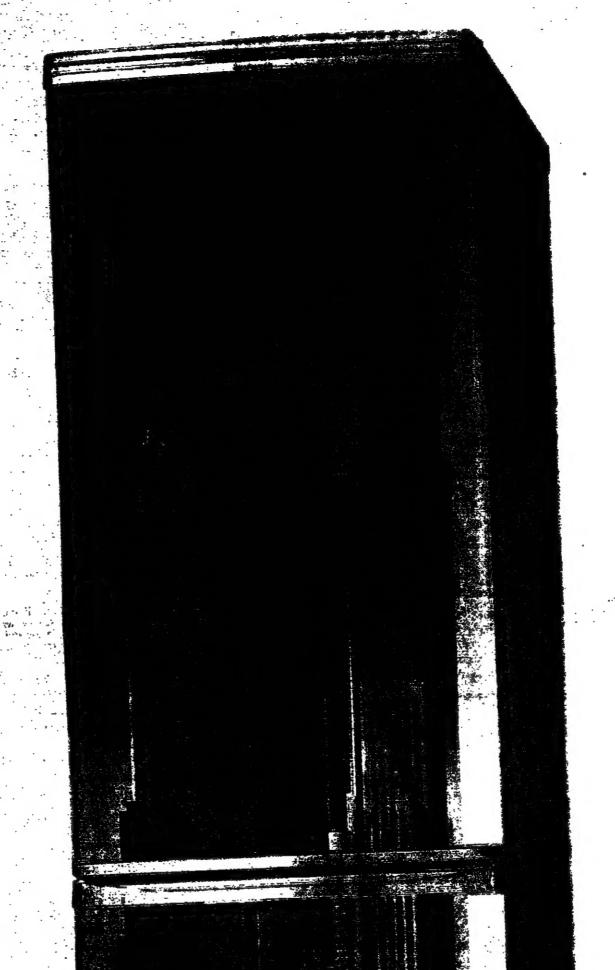
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## Hogg's 'blunders' cost thousands of jobs, say Labour

By POLLY NEWTON AND JAMES LANDALE

try jobs have been lost because of the Government's "disastrous handling" of the BSE crisis, Labour said yesterday.

Gavin Strang, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, accused Douglas Hogg, the Agriculnure Minister, of exacerbating the crisis by making "blunder after blunder" in his attempts to secure an end to the European Union ban on British beef exports.

Mr Strang, speaking at the start of the Labour-initiated debate censuring Mr Hogg. said the minister had lost the confidence of the farming industry. "The purpose of this debate is to call him to account for his disastrous handling of the beef crisis," he said.

"Farmers' livelihoods have been damaged. Thousands of jobs in the industry have been lost. Consumer confidence has been jeopardised and the credibility of the UK in Europe and beyond undermined.

Mr Strang said that the crisis had cost the Government more than £3 billion, about £130 for every taxpayer. This Government was totally unprepared, had no strategy, had no contingency plan and yet BSE had been in our cattle since 1986 and yet they knew full well there was always a possibility of a link between BSE in our cattle and CJD in

The Government had promised last June after the European summit in Florence that the beef ban would be lifted by November. "Last week, the position was that not a single item, not a piece of the ban had been lifted."

Labour wanted a scheme that would allow certain herds to be identified as BSE-free and therefore acceptable for export. It would be particularheipful to Northern Ireland's cattle farmers because they already had a good system of tracing cattle free of

But Mr Strang insisted: "What is not acceptable is any Northern Ireland to move ahead, but includes within it conditions which would pre-

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vent Scotland, Wales and England from moving ahead." Mr Hogg rejected the charges and accused Labour of doing "serious damage" to consumer confidence in Brit-

ish beef by repeating "the alarmist headlines of the tabloid press". He said the motion calling for a £1,000 cut in his salary, was "a cheap political stunt" for which Labour should be ashamed. The inevitable consequence of a debate like this is that confidence in British beef will be damaged." BSE had been a tragedy for

beef producers and the great-est crisis British agriculture has ever faced, "But, because of the action taken, we are in a much better state than anybody in those dark days of last March would have supposed

He said the Government had complied with all the conditions set out in the Florence agreement for a lifting of



Strang: said Hogg must



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the ban. It was now up to other EC countries to honour their side of the bargain. The ban is wholly unjustified; wrong in principle;

wrong in law. It should never have been imposed. But, its removal is not within our gift." Responding to a question from Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, Mr Hogg agreed there were strong arguments for herds in Northern Ireland to be certified as BSE-free, which he would put to the European Franz Fischler. The case for Northern Ireland is a very powerful one, and the Commissioner knows that, and he

will find that I urge it."

Doug Hoyle (L. Warrington North) accused Mr Hogg of arrogance and pomposity, saying he blamed everyone but himself for the beef crisis. This minister has lost the confidence, not only of this House, but he also failed to bring any agreement from Europe," he said.

The former Foreign Secre tary Douglas Hurd attacked the "ludicrous" Labour motion and expressed his warm admiration for Mr Hogg and his "frankness, courage and his sense of service". He attacked Labour for exploiting the BSE crisis for political advantage. If there has ever been, in the history of this particular Parliament, a subject which is unsuited for constant party warfare, this is it." he said. Labour's attack was based

on ignorance and prejudice. "It deserves no support in this House and I think it will get no support in the country.' Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat agriculture spokesman, said farmers were rightly sceptical of the timing of the debate. "In the dying days of this Parliament this looks like a typical Westminster party game rather than a serious attempt to address the problems that the industry is facing at the moment

Sir Michael Jopling, a former Tory Agriculture Minister, accused Labour of a cheap political stunt and said: The Government and the minister have done their best."

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Douglas Hogg leaving his home in central London for the Commons yesterday

## Trimble making the most of his new importance

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

DAVID TRIMBLE'S brazen demands on behalf of Northern Ireland farmers yesterday reflected his increasingly direct method of dealing with the Tory and Labour leaderships.

The potentially pivotal Commons role played by the nine Uister Unionist MPs has given Mr Trimble, their leader, the opportunity to challenge each of the main parties range of Northern Ireland

He has pressed for detailed responses on fishing quotas, the policing of Ulster marches, the export of beef

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tion in the province. He has held frequent meetings with Tony Blair in recent months and the two leaders are said to have a "warm working rela-

Mr. Trimble's discussions with John Major, once focused entirely on the peace talks, now frequently include other issues of fundamental importance to his party, such as fishing quotas and beef for took the unusual step of overruling his ministers by bowing to the demands of Mr Trimble and other Ulster leaders to retain the education and library boards in North-

intervention emphasised the new importance of what would previously have been seen as a

mochial matter. With its specific signifi-cance to Northern Ireland, beef policy has long been the Unionists' trump card. But even as Mr Trimble set down his demands in the Commons last night, he could not be confident of support from all has been split before in impor tant Commons votes and Mr Trimble has been warned by colleagues not to overplay his hand in promising votes he

## Why the Tories have faith in a long campaign

abour wants an early general election and the Tories want a long campaign. This is what the pre-election skirmishing is all about. Little else in politics at present really matters. Yesterday's debate on BSE was a noisy irrelevance, apart from providing an opportunity for Labour to highlight a weak issue for the Tories and for the Ulster Unionists to play their favourite game of squeezing a vulnerable government. It was the politics of the

Both main parties accept that the current manoeuvring is unreal. The Labour leadership is rather like a jittery, heavily tipped comperitor before a race, having completed training and impatiently waiting for the off. Labour remains the overwhelmingly favourite, with no evidence of any significant erosion in its position according to the latest national polls. That is, paradoxically, just what is making Labour leaders nervous. They are worried that something could go wrong and frustrate their ambitions to

return to office after so long. Labour leaders fear that the Tories, aided by much of the press, will take a strongly sceptic line on Europe to frighten voters away from backing the opposition par-ties. The regular MORI polls for *The Times* show that Europe has moved up to about fourth in voters' ranking of the problems facing Britain today, while the focus group discussions of floating voters conducted by FCB for the Financial Times show that Europe has recently started to interest and

worry this group. The Tory approach is almost, but not exactly, the opposite. John Major's advisers believe that Labour's safety-first approach, especially on taxes and public spending, has started to unravel and that Mr Blair has rather hope that Labour's cautious facade will come apart under further pressure. This appears to argue for a May I election, still the

cation is necessary. Some of

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But an important qualifi-

Mr Major's closest advisers believe that nothing decisive is likely to happen - or at least register in the polls -until the campaign formally starts and the public starts to focus on the choice of the next government. This can be seen in part as a rationalisation of the Tories' failure so far to make much impact on the Labour lead. These advisers argue that the key is a long campaign rather than necessarily a long pre-election period.
This could be used to justify an April 10 election announced in a couple of weeks if the Government's position in the Commons deteriorates after the expected loss of the Wirral South by-election next week. I have never known a defending party write off a contest so early in the campaign, so that anything better than a wipe-out in Wirral South can be presented as the start of a Tory recovery. But the precise figures will be no pointer to what may happen in the general election, just as the Tory loss of Darlington was

owever, much more likely is a five-week L campaign starting at Easter and running up to May i. Political scientists are divided on how much campaigns can after the outcome. Voters do change their minds, but often this cancels out. The Tories may have lost office in February 1974 as a result of the campaign (though they won slightly more votes than Labour), while the Tories may have strengthened their position in the last few days in April 1992. This time, the Tories may be able to use a long campaign to frighten some wavering voters back to the fold. But there is no prec-edent for a campaign to produce as large a switch of

misleading in 1983.

## Goldsmith to ignore vulnerable Forsyth

MICHAEL FORSYTH, the Cabinet minister most vulnerable to losing his seat at the general election, has been thrown a lifeline by Sir James Goldsmith. Sir James has decided not to field a

Referendum Party candidate against the Scottish Secretary, who is defending a 703 majority in Stirling. The decision has

surprised the Forsyth camp, because although he is a noted Eurosceptic and privately supports the call for a referendum on a single currency he is a loyal adherent of the Government's wait-andsee policy. "It was a complete mystery to us when we heard they were not standing," one Porsyth supporter said.

## Shephard keeps up attack over grammar schools

THE Education Secretary told the voters of South Wirral erday to beware of gaining a Labour government and losing their grammar schools. Gillian Shephard, making a

by election campaign visit to Wirral Grammar School for Boys, criticised the "hypocri-sy" of Tony Blair and Harriet Harman for sending their children to grant-maintained schools. Ignoring the repeated assurances from David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, that the four grammar schools in the constituency would be safe under Labour, she said: "Make no mistake, if the Conservatives go, so does this school."

She added: "The Labour party cannot hide the sham and hypocrisy at the heart of their education policy. Tony Blair has chosen a grant-maintained school with an element of selection for his children. Harriet Harman has chosen a grant-maintained grammar school for her

Campaigning on Mersey-side for Labour yesterday was Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. He dismissed Mrs Shephard's claims and ocused the Tories of having failed to help the young unem-ployed. "Many of the children

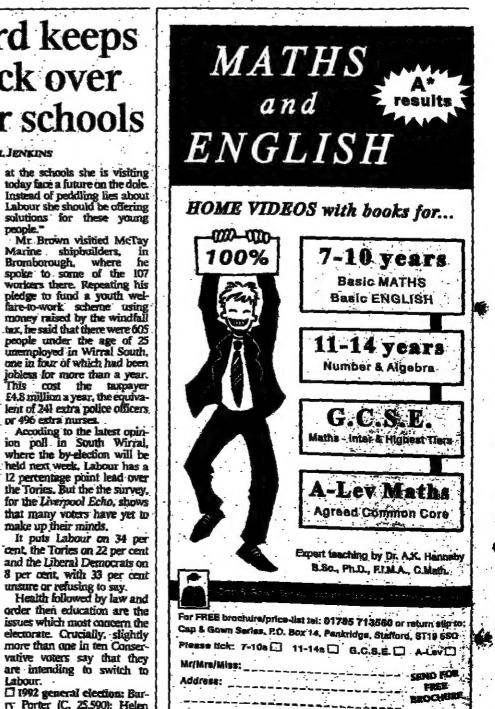
at the schools she is visiting today face a future on the dole Instead of peddling lies about Labour she should be offering

Mr. Brown visitied McTay Marine shipbuilders, Bromborough, where he spoke to some of the 107 workers there. Repeating his pledge to fund a youth welfare-to-work scheme using money raised by the windfall tax, he said that there were 605 people under the age of 25 unemployed in Wirral South, one in four of which had been jobless for more than a year. This cost the taxpayer E4.8 million a year, the equivalent of 241 extra police officers.

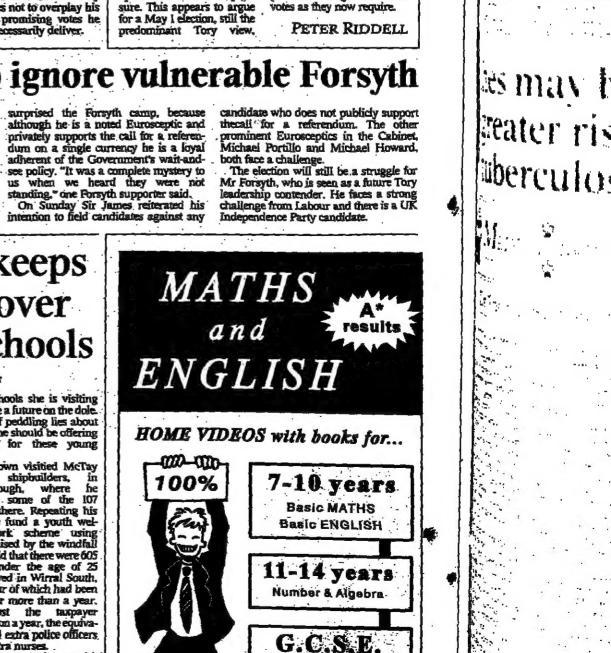
or 496 extra nurses. According to the latest opin-ion poll in South Wirral, where the by-election will be held next week. Labour has a 12 percentage point lead over the Tories. But the the survey, for the Liverpool Echo, shows that many voters have yet to make up their minds. It puts Labour on 34 per

cent, the Tories on 22 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 8 per cent, with 33 per cent unsure or refusing to say. Health followed by law and order then education are the issues which most concern the electorate. Crucially, slightly

vative voters say that they are intending to switch to Labour. ☐ 1992 general election: Barry Porter (C. 25,590); Helen Southworth (Lab. 17,407); Ed Cunnifie (LD, 6,581). Majority:



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# Motorway drivers face billing by electronic beam

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

for using motorways by early next century after the development of "ray-gun" tolling

Trials of the tolling system, which uses microwaves to detect and charge passing vehicles, are showing big improvements in reliability, although it is not yet in use anywhere in the world.

If the system goes ahead, every car using the motorways would have to be fitted with a dashboard meter costing £20-£30. The meter would be "read" by microwave beams emitted from overhead gantries. Motorists could pay either by charging up a smartcard or by receiving a monthly bill.

Cars without a meter of with no credit would be photographed by automatic cameras similar to speed cameras and the drivers would risk prosecution.

Early tests of the system in Germany revealed the equip-ment as highly inaccurate and thousands of motorists would have been charged for journeys they did not make. However, recent advances at the transport research laboratory in Berkshire suggested that only one car in 10,000 would be wrongly charged. Scientists on the project aim to reduce the figure to one in ten million.

The Government wants to introduce tolling to raise money for improving roads and to increase the cost of

DRIVERS face having to pay motoring to persuade more els of tolls have not been set people to use public transport. but when the policy was first critics have argued that the announced by the Govern-tolls would simply force traffic ment in 1993, they were off the motorways on to untolled roads, leading to more congestion. Continental-

style tolling booths have been ruled out because of the volume of traffic on British motorways and because of the and they take up. Tim Wander, a spokesman for the GEC-Marconi consor-

for the GEC-Marcon consor-tium, one of two working on the tolling system for British roads, said the technology was now so advanced that the sensors could detect and separately charge two cars driving to bumper at bumper 100 mph. Patrick Clipperton, business development manager of Bosch Telecom, the rival con-

sortjum, said talks were going

on in Brussels to introduce a unified system across Europe The technology could also be used by the police: each sensor can detect the size, make and speed of the cars passing the gantries. John Watts, the Roads Minister, who was visiting the trial site yesterday, said no decision had been taken on whether the police would have access to the

Mr Watts said that if trials proved successful the technology would be tested on a stretch of the M3 near Basingstoke before a final decision was taken on whether tolling should go ahead. Lev-

A prototype meter on the windscreen is charged

using a smart card. A "ray-gun" tolling system would deduct credit during motorway travel

Riches may buy

a greater risk

of tuberculosis

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHEN recently the persis-tent symptoms of a pupil at Millfield, Somerset, were

found to be caused by tuber-

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spread from a coughing suf-ferer to any vulnerable pas-

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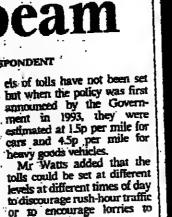
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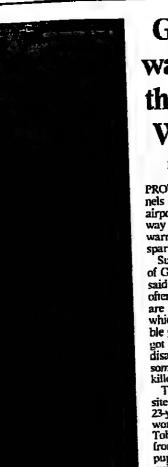
coffers than they get back

through spending on roads. Labour has said that it would

scrap the trials because the

system would force traffic on

A runway protester at the mouth of one of the tunnels yesterday: they are continuing to dig despite warnings



Gas blast warning to the runway Wombles

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

PROTESTERS living in tunnels at the site of Manchester airport's planned second runway have pledged to ignore a warning that digging could spark a methane gas blast.

Superintendent Kevin Hart of Greater Manchester Police said that the tunnellers — who often use candles for light are on an old landfill site which produces the combustible gas naturally. They have got to stop before there is a disaster. If they continue, someone is going to get killed."

The tunnellers deny that the site is landfill. One protester, a 23-year-old former health worker who calls himself Tobermory after a character from The Wombles television pupper series, said: "We are quite happy living in the tunnel and intend to carry on digging. We want to get bunk beds in there, electric lighting. radios and a kitchen unit. We want to turn it into a home."



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million lives a year through-

out the world, mainly from those whose existence could not present a greater contrast

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chance of developing TB as does a patient with HIV. In one case quoted by Dr Davies, a dying patient had been told that he had inoperable cancer of the lung was given radiotherapy and was advised to marry his long-standing girlfriend while there was still time. The patient had already married before someone took a closer look at the patient's spotum. The doctors found tuberculosis rather than the malignant cells they had been expecting. The patient made a good recovery but in other cases

ly made post mortem. A return to the immediate postwar days is needed when doctors suspicions were aroused when anyone had a persistent cough, weight loss and temperature. These symptoms may be commonplace, but if they last for more than six weeks they deserve investigation with a chest X-ray. Six months' treatment with appropriate antibiotics will clear most cases of TB, save the life of the victim and stop the disease spreading.

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## Wife 'pleads with stricken Yeltsin to quit Kremlin'

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

planning to resign in April. BORIS YELTSIN'S WISE, The report was denied by the Naina, has added her voice to those calling for the President ential press service. But distinct impression reto resign. Russia's best-selling nained that some officials in daily reported yesterday. President Yeltsin's circle were The report came amid grow-

testing the waters. ing doubts about his ability to The Komsomolskaya Prav return to full health and speculation that the Kremlin da report quoted an unnamed source in the presidential adis preparing for the eventualministration as saying that Mrs Yeltsin had had a heated ity of his stepping down. The report in Komsomol-skayo Pravda, which sells 1.5 argument with her husband, million copies, was denied by during which she had said it was time for him to start a spokeswoman for Mrs Yeltsin, who dismissed it as "comthinking about his own wel-

pletely baseless". But its

publication, after reports sug-gesting that Mr Yeltsin is

considerably more ill than the

official bulletins maintain, indicates that the revelations are "I can tell you that no such being leaked by Kremlin conversation ever took place.

fare and go into retirement. But President Yeltsin is said to

have responded sharply, teli-

ing her to mind her own

Last week, Gennadi Zyu-ganov, the Communist Party leader, in a bizarre shift from his much repeated demands for Mr Yeltsin's removal. spoke of the need to guarantee the President's "Immunity from prosecution and decent conditions for life" if he retires. This new concern for Mr Yeltsin's well-being has prompted speculation that Mr Zyuganov may have been made privy to hitherto undisclosed intentions on the part of the

At the same time, a weekly Naina Yeltsin: angry newspaper, citing Kremlin riposte from husband sources, said Mr Yeltsin was

said Natalya Konstantinova. for Mrs Yeltsin. "It is completely made up. Naina losifevna would not dream of interlering in politics or her husband's affairs, whatever her own opinion."

In past interviews, however. Mrs Yeltsin has made no secret of her concern that her husband could be over-exerting himself and has complained of his reluctance to listen to advice from family and doctors.

Yesterday Mr Yeltsin made another brief trip to the Kremlin from the country residence west of Moscow where he is convalescing. Television pictures showed him walking across a room to greet Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, and talking with him

seated at a table. Paris: Aleksandr Lebed began a five-day profile-raising trip to France by predictthe imminent collapse of the Russian political system. and obliquely comparing him-self to General Charles de Gaulle (Ben Macintyre

General Lebed. who was ousted as security chief by Mr Yeltsin and is ambitious to succeed the ailing leader, told his hosts that the "system represented by Russia's polit-ical establishment is condemned and rotting. Within a year, at most, it will vanish."



A post office worker adding to a wall of parcels set up yesterday by 20,000 mail staff outside the Bonn headquarters of the Free Democratic Party, the liberal junior partner in the coalition Government of Helmut Kohl, in protest at plans to privatise Germany's postal services

## Bonn resists US pressure on Iran

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY and the United States crossed swords yesterday over Western policy towards Iran and Bonn's treatment of Scientologists.

At the latest stage of her European tour, Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, tried to play down differences with Klaus Kinkel, her German counterpart, and said they agreed on all critical issues, including Nato's eastward enlargement. But the areas of dispute were considerable. Herr Kinkel came under pressure to sever relations with Iran, and other "rogue" states such as Iraq and Libya. But he stuck to the European policy of "critical dialogue". Much hinges on the Berlin trial of an Iran-backed team accused of killing Kurdish dissidents in a German restaurant. If they are found guilty and Tehran is implicated, Bonn has promised to

Some of the differences arise because

France, but the French idea that five Nato members should discuss enlarge ment with Russia was pushed out of court by Ms Albright.

On Scientology, Bonn refuses to recog-uise it as a religion. Scientologists accuse Germans of treating them much as Nazi Germany treated Jews in the 1930s, but Ms Albright said comparison with what happened under Hitler "Is historically inaccurate and totally distasteful". She said it remained a bilateral problem.

#### MP calls for Nazi gold talks

BY PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

AND MICHAEL BINYON A GROUP of British parliamentarians has called on Britain to organise an international conference to decide what

to do about Second World War

Nazi gold transfers The group led by Greville Janner, MP, also a vicepresident of the World Jewish Congress, made the appeal after a meeting in Berne yesterday with officials from the Swiss Government and National Bank, Mr Janner said they had welcomed the proposal for the conference, which would decide how much sold was traded by Nazi Germany and where it came from, as a first objective. The second is to consider whether funds can be made available, first for Holocaust survivors and their families and second to ensure there is never a

The Poreign Office said vesterday that it was too early to reply to Mr Janner's call. Before meeting Ben Gilman, chairman of the US House of Representatives International Relations Committee, in London yesterday, Mr Janner said he was confident that either Britain or America would host the conference. It would be cheaper and quicker

future Holocaust," he said.

with the Swiss. "Swiss participation is essential. This could not operate without (their) active co-operation," he said. He was delighted that Flavio Cotti, the Swiss Foreign Minister, had given idea "absolute fantasy". (AP) | eager support to the idea.

if both countries supported it,

## Russia 'sabotaging Polish Nato entry'

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

POLAND'S political elite was gripped by Russophobia yesterday amid accusations that Moscow's intelligence services are embarked on a massive campaign within Poland to block its entry into the European Union and Nato by compromising top politicians.

The allegations were made over the weekend by Zbigniew Siemiatkowski. a spinister without partialia who coordinates the operations of Poland's secret services. He said counter-intelligence had been monitoring stepped-up efforts by Russian diplomats to establish contacts with members of the left-wing ruling coalition - the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) and the Peasant Party, both with communist roots — as well as the

Solidarity-based opposition.
"We should expect large provocations from the Russian. intelligence services," said Mr Siemiatkowski, himself a member of the SLD. They

will try to show ... the political elites of these countries are not reliable and that they are corrupted and at the disposal of their former masters." Mir Siemiatkowski is in

Germany for four days to discuss the issue with German gence service and the chairman of the Bundestag intelligence oversight commit-tee. The trip coincides with a stop in Germany by Made-leine Albright, the US Secretary of State, to discuss Nato expansion. pansion.
The opposition centre-right

Siemiatkowski's remarks, de manded proof. He said that he would gladly provide it to parliament when appropriate.

Moscow: Russia's foreign intelligence service yesterday denied its agents were trying to thwart Polish entry into Nato and the EU, calling the:

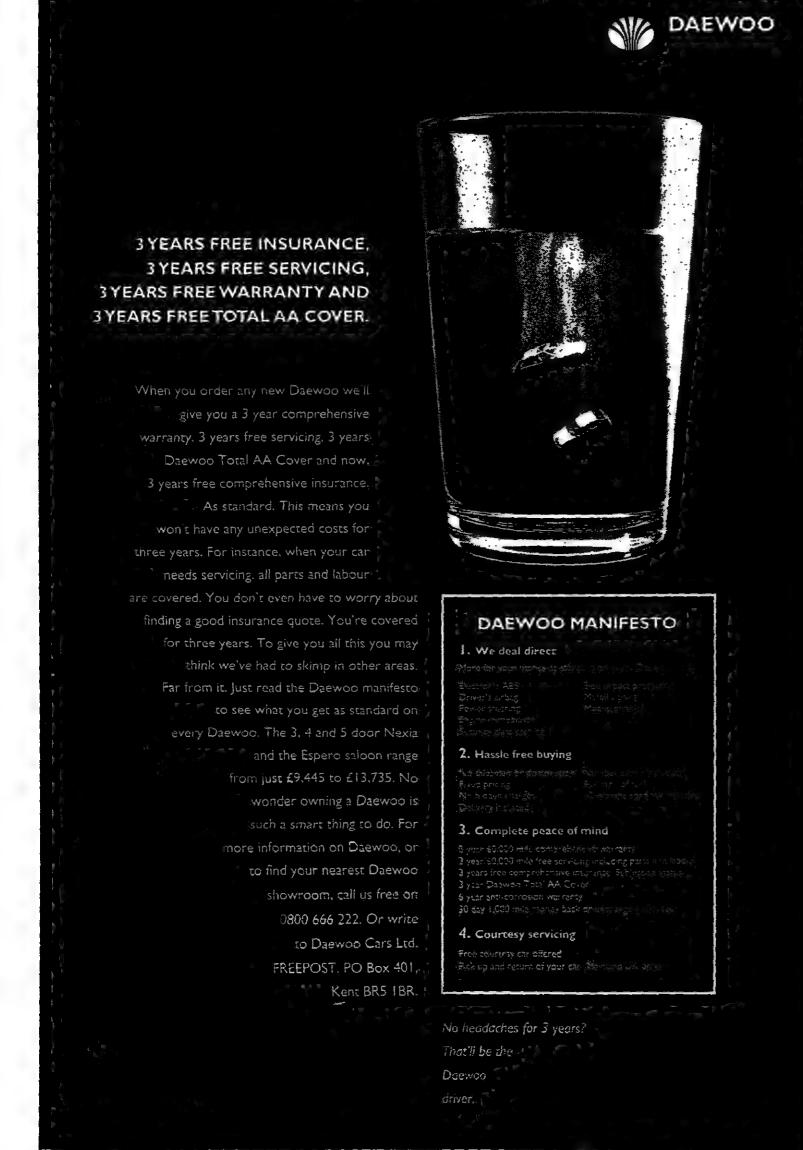
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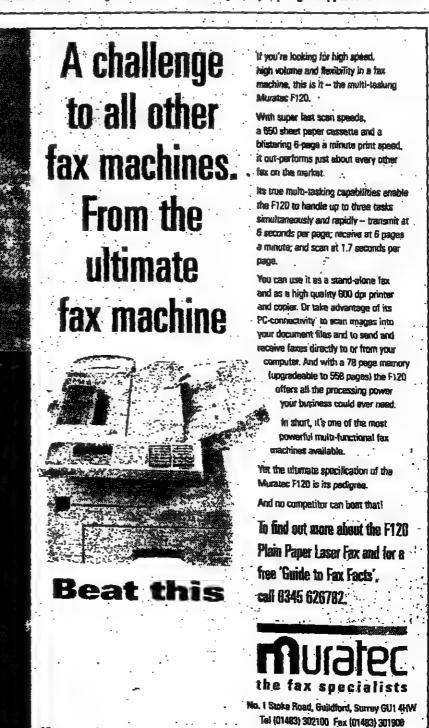
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FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA THREE Cuban doctors treat-

ing the elder son of President

# Beijing chiefs meet as rumours spread about ailing Deng

CHINESE leaders were recalled urgently to Beijing at the weekend to meet what senior diplomats said was a "potential emergency situation". There was no immediate information from Chinese offi-

cial sources what the problem might be. European diplomats speculated last night that the health of Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, may have taken a num for the worse or that the confrontation between North and South Koren had caused serious concern among the Chinese leadership.

In the past two days, there have been unconfirmed reports that the 93-year-old Mr Deng had suffered a stroke. At the same time, tension has mounted over the defection of

THE senior North Korean

defector ensconced in the

South Korean mission in

Beijing is said to have given the US Central Intelligence

Agency the names of several

other top North Korean offici-

The South Korean news-

paper Dong-A Ilbo said yes-

terday that Hwang Jang Yop told a CIA official that as

many as seven high-ranking

officials were seeking a chance

Hwang held talks for about 35

minutes with the US intelli-

gence official last Wednesday

at the consular; section of the

South Korean mission, soon

after arriving there to seek

Mr Hwang, known as a close adviser to Kim Jong II,

the North Korean leader, is

said to have told the CIA that

he hopes eventually to settle in

South Kores, but would be

prepared to go briefly to the

United States in the first

instance. The South Korean

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jing President Jiang Zemia, the Chinese party chief, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, have reportedly both returned to Beijing over the past two days and apparently visited the residence of Mr Deng, the architect of the reforms that have transformed the Chinese

economy in the past 15 years. Diplomats say that the Chinese leaders are also concerned over the position of Hwang Jang Yop, the North Korean who has sought sanctuary in South Korean diplomatic quarters in Beijing.

North Korean agents who have been surrounding the South Korean consulate in the San Li Tun diplomatic sector of Beijing have been with-drawn. Western diplomatic sources said this was clearly

North Korea said that

would dismiss Mr Hwang if

he sought asylum. The official

KCNA news agency quoted the Foreign Ministry as say-ing that, if he had been

kidnapped, then North Korea

would take "decisive counter-

measures". However, "if he

sought asylum, it means that

he is a renegade and he is

In the meantime, Secul

officials said that a prominent

North Korean defector at-

tacked by a suspected North

Korean assassination squad

remained in a coma yesterday.

Li Il Nam, nephew of Kim Jong Il's former wife, was shot

and seriously wounded by two

tion. Pyongyang claims that

Mr. Hiwang was abducted by

South Koreans and is being

held against his will in Seoul's

consular office in Beijing.

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twitch of apprehension in Hong Kong last night about the possibility that Mr Deng has died (Jonathan Mirsky China-watchers at the consulates-general have had no

on the North Koreans to avoid

a situation that looked like

erupting into violence and

The new generation of Chi-

nese leaders under President

Jiang has insisted that it is

fully in control of the nation of

But there is a sense that the

leadership feels the death of Mr Deng would produce a

kind of unrest that it might not

Though the situation in

Beijing remained outwardly calm in the hours up to

midnight last night, there was

considerable worry in diplo-matic quarters that China might be facing a crisis of

major proportions.

Il Hong Kong: There was no

be able to contain.

more than 1.2 billion people.

signals from their Beijing colleagues. The news-gathering apparatus in the colony, which is tuned to China, is barely vibrating with the NEWST TUMOUTS.

What one would expect to see immediately if Mr Deng were at death's door is a flood of "red princelings", the immediate younger relatives of se-nlor leaders in Beijing with financial interests in Hong Kong, heading for home. Nor are there reports of assetsmoving by those princelings connected to the Deng family who might feel, with their protector gone, that they were in financial danger from his

rapacious successors. If Mr Deng died, the Hong Kong stock market would probably fall 500 points, and unlike its usual rebound would stay depressed until it became clear that there would be no immediate disorder in Beijing or in the provinces.

who have been accustoming themselves to Tung Chee-hwa. the affable but Beijing-oriented Chief Executive-designate, will feel that the future has again become cloudy.



Charles Sobhraj with a police officer during his few minutes of liberty outside Delhi's courthouse yesterday

## Freedom eludes ace jailbreaker

FROM COOM! KAPOOR IN DELHI

FREEDOM was short-lived for Charles Sobhraj, a murderer and cheat who has been in and out of prison for nearly three decades. Released on ball yesterday by Prem Kumar, the Delhi Metropolitan Magistrate, after complet-ing his latest sentence -- for a jail break -- he was rearrested within minutes for not pos-sessing valid identification

It was an anti-climax for both Sobhraj and the hordes of journalists and onlookers Act, which the magistrate said waiting outside the courtwas outside his jurisdiction, house, accompanied by about 200 policemen and riot police. ers, Serpentine and The Life

Rajan Bakshi, Sobhraj's counsel, who was about to escort him to the French Embassy in Delhi to get his identification papers, filed a case for contempt of court over the rearrest. However, the Foreigners Regional Registration Office said that it was detaining Sobhraj for two weeks under the registration Two international best-sellcriminals. The fascination with Sobh-

and Crimes of Charles Sobhraj, have been written about the bespectacled 45year-old son of a Vietnamese mother and French father who has a Sikh stepfather. A shrewd handler of the

press, he gets his photograph makes one of his frequent court appearances. There has been a media debate in India over a tendency to glamorise

ral is based on both his exotic origins and his exploits; he has escaped six times from high-security jails.

He has made a living throughout South East Asia and in Greece and India by drugging tourists, then steal-ing their valuables and passports. Some of his victims

Saddam Hussein of Iraq have asked permission to amputate his left leg above the knee, dissidents claimed yesterday. Uday's knee was "completely smashed" when gunmen ambushed his car while he was driving through a smarr Baghdad suburb in December, said the Jordan-based

Iraqi National Accord. "The doctors suggested amputating the knee and fitting him with an artificial leg. li seems they are waiting for a decision from Saddam him-self." said Haroun Mohammad, a spokesman for the

group in Amman. Other Iraqi sources said the Cuban team, which brought its own mobile operating theatre, arrived in Baghdad from tran at the beginning of Febmary and is led by the personal doctor of Fidel Castro. the Cuban President, The surgeon, whom they identified only as Dr Cardinas, was said to have treated the traqi leader during the 1980s.

"It now looks like Uday will live. The question is, will he ever be fit enough to be considered the heir apparent again? You can't rule Iraq from a wheelchair," said one Iraqi businessman.

It has also been reported that two of the 14 bullets that hit Uday are still lodged in his spine and that French doctors who travelled to Baghdad were airaid to remove them for fear of causing total paralysis or death. France has rejected an iraqi request to admit Uday for treatment.



Uday: two bullets

#### gunmen in Seoul on Saturday. South Korean authorities Hong Kong people thempublisher said last night. The Australian Paedophile and Sex Offender Index, which names hundreds have said that the attack may selves, apprehensive about the have been retaliation by North Korea for Mr Hwang's defecfuture under new masters, but

IN SYDNEY A DIRECTORY of convicted child abus-

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

ers due to be launched in Australia today may soon have a British edition, its

of men, and some women, found guilty of sex crimes in Australia over the past five years, follows the publication of a similar book in New Zealand. The earlier directory was condemned by civil liberties groups and social workers who claimed

child molesters would become targets of violence or revenge attacks. Similar criticism has been levelled at the Australian edition, which has itself attracted

Book names Australian sex offenders

death threats. But Deborah Coddington, the author, defended the directory, claiming it had changed the attitudes of many people. who were previously unaware of the seriousness of sex crimes against the vulnerable". She said that the book had led to wider media coverage of such crimes and meant "judges have been less eager to suppress names of offenders, and

page Index includes photographs of 31 convicted child molesters. Ten of them were priests and most of those listed were repeat offenders.

Linquiry suicide: A former school principal accused of remaining silent about sexual abuse by one of his teachers has killed himself 24 hours before he was due to testify to a royal commission investigating paedophilia, police in Sydney said. The teacher, codenamed T9, was said to have sexually abused girls at two schools for 20 years, despite complaints alleged victims and other ters. (AFP)

## warning on investors

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ONE of China's staunchest supporters in Hong Kong warned Beijing and Tung Chee-trwa, the Hong Kong Chief Executive-designate, vesterday that attacks on the colony's Bill of Rights and the possibility of a subversion law may frighten off foreign

Allen Lee, a member both

of the elected Legislative Council and Beijing's hand-picked Provisional Legisla-tive Council, said: "Foreign investors are used to the rule of law. That is why they are careful about investing in China. They are asking ques-tions now about the rule of law here. They see certain laws being changed now and they wonder what is going to be changed tomorrow. [Mr] Tung has to face up to this." He said that when Mr Tung visits America this spring he will face hard questioning on political developments in Hong Kong. if Lee was an early cham-pion of Mr Tung and regards him as "an honest man and very conservative". But he disagrees with Mr Tung's view that the law on demonstrations must be changed to avoid "disorder and instability". Mr Lee said Mr Tung "has to understand you cannot suppress people. If he does not stand up to Beijing, we are in serious trouble." He added: "Anyway, Beijing cannot fire him. He has five

## Hong Kong Hardliners demand Jewish housing in east Jerusalem

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process came under severe threat yesterday as hardliners within the ruling Israeli coalition mounted pressure for the building of a massive new Jewish neighbourhood in occupied east Jerusalem hercely opposed by the Palestinians. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, flew back into the storm from his trip to Washington and was forced to issue a denial of reports that he had promised President Clinton to delay work on the site at Har Homa, due to

contain 6,500 housing units for Jewish families. David Bar-Illan, Mr Netanyahu's Communications Director, said that, contrary to reports of a postponement, a decision on going ahead with the new Jewish housing district could be taken at a ministerial committee as early as today. "My feeling is that it is going to be in the very near future," he told Israel radio.

Mr Bar-Illan was ques-tioned about reports from government sources that the Shin Bet security service had warned Mr Netanyahu that, if the building of Har Homa: went ahead, Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, would carry out his threat to stir up disturbances worst than those prompted by the Temple Mount-tunnel last September. Clashes then left 75 people. dead and 1.500 wounded.

"I believe that no government can live under the threat of such incidents," Mr Bar-Ulan responded. "If the Pales-



tinians consider violence as an option, there will be no peace

The proposed Har Homa district, to be built on a wooded hillside between Jerusalem and Bethlehem on land conquered by Israel from Jordan in 1967, was originally approved by the Government the late Labour Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. Some members of the Labour Opposition yesterday joined the clamour for Mr

Netanyahu to press ahead. Senior Western diplomatic sources said that the project was so controversial that, if building was sanctioned just a month before Israel and the Palestinians are due to reopen long-delayed talks on the final status of Jerusalem, the negotiations could be sabotaged before they began.

"Netanyahu is caught between a rock and a hard place," said one European diplomat. "If the building goes ahead, he could face a new Palestinian revolt at the moment when peace appeared on track - and if he delays, he could be toppled by a right-

wing revolt."
Michal Eitan, the Likud backbencher leading the re-volt, claimed last night that 28 conlition denuties were behind his campaign for an immedi ate start to construction at Har Homa, "If this Government will do nothing to fulfil its [right-wing] ideology, then naybe there is no use for this Government," he threatened.

Ministerial support for construction to go ahead came from, among others, Ariel Sharon of Likud, the former war hero, Rafael Eitan, leader of the hardline Tsomet Party. and Natan Sharanksy, the former Soviet refusenik. Livnor Livnat of Likud, the only woman in the Cabinet, said: We have got to build in Har Homa, although it might bring some negative reactions from the Palestinians and

Jerusalem's Mayor, Ehud Olmert, a leading member of Likud, said he would send buildozers to Har Homa, close to two Palestinian villages. within days if it was proved there had been frozen.

Reflecting the deep disillusion felt by many Israeli rightwingers, Mr Olmert said: This Government exists on the basis of a parliamentary majority, and I find it difficult to believe there will be a majority for a policy that does not fulfil detailed commitments on Jerusalem."



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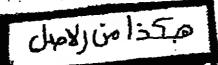
## Pakistan leader puts peace offer to India

was sworn in as Pakistan's Prime Minister yesterday and promptly pledged to root out corruption (Zahid

Hussain writes). Mr Sharif, 43. offered India an olive branch and said that Pakistan was ready to take a step forward to end tension in the subcontinent. "There is a need for a reconciliation in South Asia."

Islamabad: Nawaz Sharif he said. The initiative has to come from both sides and I hope India will reciprocate Pakistan's gesture." For the past three years, talks between the two countries have come to a halt.

The new Prime Minister. who was endorsed by 117 votes in the 217-seat National Assembly, gave an assurance that his Government would



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# Gala birthday party for Liz Taylor, 65, before tumour operation

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China 'uses 1,000 US firms for espionage'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN intelligence is reported to have identified about a thousand companies in the United States being used by the Chinese either for spying or illicitly acquiring American technology. A report in Newsweek yester

day also said that an FBI task force investigating John Huang, the former Commerce Department official at the centre of the Democratic fundraising scandal, was seeking to discover whether he was an igent of Beijing.

The appointment of an independent counsel to the inquiry, which includes governcreasingly inevitable last night as Republicans issued further subpoenas for documents amid growing concerns of a 'China connection"

At its most serious, Congress is questioning whether foreign interests bought policy favours in Washington. Even the faintest suggestion that China may join the growing cast of characters associated with the scandal over the President's fundraising would be personally damaging to Mr

Last week, Bob Woodward, America's indefatigable inves-tigative journalist and the man who unearthed the Watergate scandal, claimed electronic surveillance by the Justice Department had re-

#### Democrats rule in Disneyland

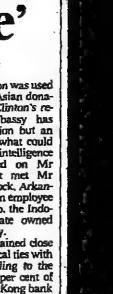
Washington: The Walt Disney company joined other firms and trade unions as the biggest single givers of political donations in the 1995-96 US election cycle, a study has found. Republicans gained more than Democrats, although Walt-\$1,359,500 (£839,000) political contributions. (AFP)

to channel illegal Asian dona-tions to help Mr Clinton's reelection. The embassy has denied the allegation but an investigation into what could amount to counter-intelligence has again centred on Mr Huang, who first met Mr Clinton in Little Rock, Arkansas, while he was an employee of the Lippo Group, the Indonesian conglomerate owned by the Rindy family. Lippo has maintained close

business and political ties with

surveillance mentioned by Mr the phone," he said.

tion, eager for positive engagement with China, is said to have ignored the complaints of its own intelligence agencies. The White House has continued to deny any connection between illegal contribu-tions, since returned by the Democrats, and influence on policy. "The President acts in the best interests of this country," said Lanny Davis, Mr Clinton's special counsel.



China and, according to the magazine, sold 15 per cent of its stake in a Hong Kong bank to a company owned by the Chinese Government four days after the President was elected in 1992. The company, China Re-ources (Holding), has been

identified by American intelligence as a routine front for spy operations run from Beijing. Investigators believe that Mr Huang may have become a Chinese surrogate, perhaps even unwittingly.

A senior Justice Department official said yesterday that even if the Chinese Embassy had been used for planning party contributions there was no sense that the electronic Woodward would implicate any individual. "It's not as if they have got John Huang on

But the intelligence services are focusing on nearly 1.000 companies being used by the Chinese. It is unclear how many have been targeted for espionage or for the illegal acquisition of technology. The Clinton Administra-





## Stars shine for Tinseltown 'godmother'

FRIENDS of Elizabeth Taylor packed a Hollywood theatre to wish the actress a happy 65th birthday, shortly before she undergoes surgery on a brain tumour. It was an evening for weepy tributes, glinting smiles and such sugary sweetness that diabetics were best advised to stay at home.

The film business turned out in force, dressed to impress. The British actress Liz Hurley pitched up in a creation that offered as much cover as string hag and her sidekick, Hugh Grant, opened the show. "What a body of work, let's face it, what a body," he quipped (referring in fact to Miss Taylor), to shricks of laughter.

There were assorted musical turns. "Elizabeth, I love you," sang that odd little man Michael Jackson, whom Miss Taylor has long treated as a included the rum line "they robbed drink and weight woes. There have a pusher of her own name-brand of Hollywood Boulevard has been you of your childhood" — had been drugs, too — not least of them, as seent, she did good work in the acting renamed Elizabeth Taylor Way.

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Hollywood threw a \$1 million party for Elizabeth Taylor, full of weepy tributes, and so sugary sweet that diabetics were advised to stay at home, writes Quentin Letts

composed specially for the night. "You are so beautiful," crooned Rod Stewart, directing his welder's eyes at the birthday girl, who wore green and flashed her violet eyes with delight.

As every guest knew, however, the egendary Miss Taylor, whom legendary Miss Taylor, whom Tinseltown regards as its special brain tumour, said to be benign and discovered only a fortnight ago, fol-

one wit recently remarked, being nashed potato and gravy. She was to have entered hospital esterday for the operation, but it was

delayed owing to a cold. Sunday's show was a charity fundraiser, trawing \$1 million for the fight against Aids, a charitable enterprise with which Miss Taylor has long associated herself and for which she has been rewarded with a loyal ny, before s

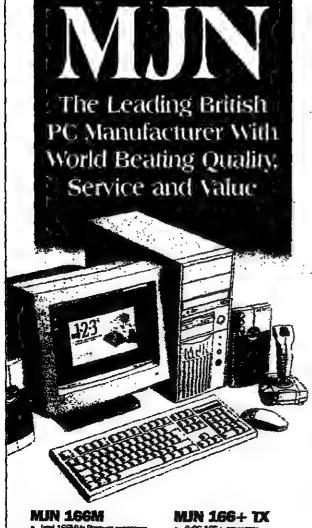
world, as Sunday night's audience was reminded with clips from her past roles, like the Oscars for Butterfield Eight (a film she actually disliked) and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? But more than mere artistic talent, or even the seven husbands. Liz Taylor has always had star quality, which is why

Others attending the party included Harry Connick Jur, the magician David Copperfield (who made her 33-carat diamond ring vanish), and Roseanne Barr (dressed as a porty Cleopatraj. Madonna told the guests "When I was a little girl I wanted to be as beautiful as Elizabeth Taylor ... I wanted to have a 16-inch wast so that Montgomery Clift, Rock Hudson and Paul Newman could put their arms



Jackson: composed a ballad for the party

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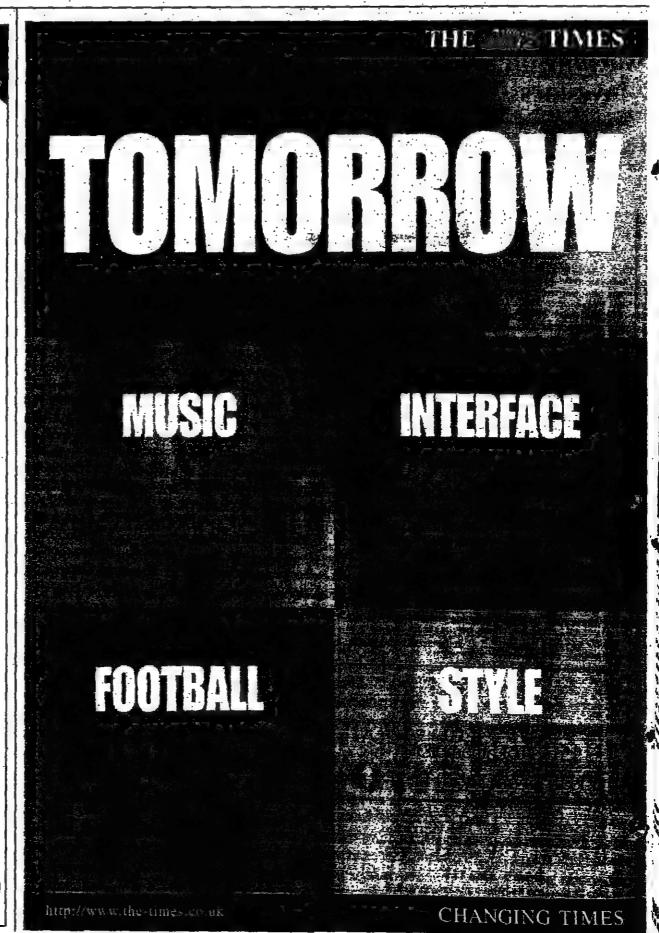
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FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

INVESTIGATORS in Ameri- the \$9 million were family ca have powerful new evidence that Raul Salinas de Gortari used his position as the older brother of Mexico's former President to protect his country's most powerful and ruthless drug traffickers, according to court documents published in Mexico.

if the papers, published by Proceso, a respected Mexico are authentic, they will establish a pattern of ties — closer than previously shown - between Raul Salinas, highranking Mexican government officials, and Mexico's most notorious drug traffickers and money launderers.

The five pages of documents published on Sunday appear to implicate Señor Salinas In arranging payments to protect the drug trade. The witness statements are apparently part of evidence collected by US prosecutors for the trial next month in Houston, Texas, of a former Mexican Depu-Attorney-General, Mario Ruiz Massieu, accused of tak-

ing money from traffickers. The US Government seized \$9 million (£5 million), which it is seeking to confiscate, in March 1995 from accounts belonging to Señor Ruiz Massieu, who is now under house arrest in New Jersey after fleeing Mexico where he is wanted on charges of embezziement and obstruction of justice. His duties as Deputy Attorney-General included overseeing the prosecution of drug traffickers. He said that

Since Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President from 1988 to 1994, left office, there have been flurries of unconfirmed stories that he, his brother and senior officials had links to drug dealers and helped to protect the trade in exchange for cash. Both Carlos and Raul Salinas have denied the stories. Neither has been charged with drug violations. In Mexico City yesterday, a lawyer for Carlos Salinas said that the former President may take legal action against those spreading accusations linking him and his family to drug

Raul Salinas has been in jail since early 1995, charged with masterminding the murder of Señor Ruiz Massieu's brother, José Francisco Ruiz Massieu a leader of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party - in September 1994. After his arrest, investigators discovered Raul Salinas had stashed more than \$150 million in bank accounts in Switzerland and other European countries using various false identities. He claims the money was from successful

private investments. The documents also appear to record social meetings be-tween drug dealers and Carlos Salinas. One FBI informer claims that Carlos Salinas, while President, went to par-ties at Raul Salinas's ranch near Monterrey that were attended by Juan Garcia Abrego, a drug trafficker.

Raul, left, and Carlos Salinas de Gortari: witnesses say the two had links with Mexico's drug barons

Abrego, arrested early in the term of Mexico's current President. Ernesto Zedillo. was jailed for life by US courts and ordered to pay \$500 million in fines for smuggling tons of

cocaine into the US. Juan Velázquez, the former President's lawyer, has called the Proceso report "absolutely absurd". US officials have yet to confirm the documents' origin, although The Washington Post yesterday quoted an FBI spokesman as saying that, based on a photograph in the magazine, they appeared authentic Proceso notes that when it received the report. sections had

If the documents are authentic they paint a devastat-ing picture of the official protection enjoyed by drug carrels. However, the witnesses, some in jail, may be tainted by their drug ties and could face accusations of concucting evidence to plea-bargain for their own freedom.

Last month, in his first lengthy interview with a Mesi-can newspaper since Raul Salinas was jailed, the disgraced former President de-fended his brother, saying he did not believe the murder charges against him. However, he was careful to distance himself from his brother's financial affairs, acknowledge ing that his enormous wealth bore little relation to his

official government salary.

He told a Mexico City
newspaper, Reforma: "I can
assure you that, whatever their origin, those funds have no relation with any action taken in my administration through my direct decisions or Many Mexicans believe that

the involvement with the drug trade of senior officials in the Institutional Revolutionary Party may be the key to solving a number of high-profile murders in 1994, including the assessination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the party's presidential candidate. However, the public remains deeply sceptical, fearing the investigations will be

buried in a morass of official

incompetence and corruption.

Donald Trump, left, the multimillionaire property developer, is having his work cut out in his legal fight with Vera Coking, right. She owns a rundown three-storey boarding house in Atlantic City and he wants the land

## Seaside landlady plays Trump card in battle against casino takeover

spent more than an hour in

A DIMINUTIVE Egyptian widow is locked in a legal battle with Donald Trump, the multimillionaire New

York property developer.

Vera Coking, 5ft in her socks, is contesting a demolition order that has been made on her old boarding house in Atlantic City, New Jersey. It stands next to one of Mr Trump's casinos and he wants to pull it down so that he can expand his business. Mrs Coking. 72, is refusing

to budge, at least until Mr Trump makes her a hefty offer on her three storey, 22-room rundown house. Amid the glittering superstructures of Atlantic City it stands out as a reminder of the past, when the city was an unsuccessful sea-side town. Next door is the Trump Plaza, a modern glass and steel edifice. The widow,

dubbed "Donald Trump's ulcer", is demanding a mini-mum of \$1.5 million (£926,000) for her property and is claiming \$125,000 in compensation after alleged damage to the house by Trump contractors. Mr

house when they started to break the adjoining ground. Mrs Coking is not popular 6 We are rebuilding Atlantic City.

the witness box in a local court

on the matter. He and his

associates denied causing any

intentional damage to the

The future of this city is not Vera Coking's boarding house?

Trump, who considers \$251,000 to be the fair price for the site, has responded by securing a condemnation order, which Mrs Coking is fighting in the courts.

Last week Mr Trump, for whom every minute in the day is a chance to make millions,

with the local authorities. James Whelan, Mayor of Atlantic City, said: "We are rebuilding Atlantic City. The future of this city is not Vera Coking's boarding house."

There's a lot of memories in here," said Mrs Coking, who produced a box of tissues in

Jen is a fictional character but his story is based on a real

the court and duly went through half the contents as she dabbed her eyes. "I raised my kids in here and my house was a beautiful place before

they damaged it." For encouragement she can perhaps look to Manhattan in the 1920s, when a determined Irish saloon keeper called Hurley refused to sell out to the property developer, John D. Rockefeller, who was then developing the area. Rockefeller eventually had to yield to the publican and built his mighty Rockefeller Centre around the tiny bar. To this day, Hurley's tavern

stands alongside the vast sky-scrapers of Manhattan's Avenue of the Americas, thriving on custom from the office blocks and worth many times more than its original owner

#### NEWS IN BRIEF Pledge on currency by Bonn

Brussels: Germany yesterday brushed aside doubts over qualifying for monetary union, pledging to cap its budget deficit despite fastrising unemployment (Charles Bremner writes).

Jürgen Stark, the State Finance Secretary, was irked at an EU finance ministers' meeting when Kenneth Clarke urged Europe to move more quickly to follow Britain's economic management model.

#### Zaire attack

Kalemie: Zairean government aircraft launched an air raid on the rebel-held town of Bukavu, killing six people and wounding at least 20, aid workers said. (AP) West's problem, page 18

#### Juppé warning

Paris: Alain Juppe, the Prime tellectuals and artists, saying their civil disobedience campaign against immigration laws played into the hands of the far-right National Front.

#### Dogfight arrests

Athens: Police in the northern Greek town of Beria arrested 16 people on charges of organising a doglight in which two deliberately starved pitbulls were set against each

#### Eta blast death

Madrid: Eta separatist guerrillas struck for the fourth time in a week in Spain, killing a policeman with a car bomb. The device exploded as he left his home in the northern city of Bilbao. (Reuter)

#### Hostage record

Lima: Marxist guerrillas were still holding 72 dignitaries in the Japanese Ambassador's residence here, dragging the siege into its sixty-third day the longest hostage ordeal in Latin American history.

#### Mainlining

Brussels: Belgian police and customs arrested seven people and seized 1,160lb of cocaine with a street value of £53 million hidden in a shipment of railway sleepers, the Belga news agency said. (Reuter)

## Goldmans launch book on the pursuit of OJ

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE family of Ronald Goldman have said they would sit through a third trial if it would put O.J. Simpson hehind burs.

Ignoring signs that America may have had enough of the Simpson affair, the murdered

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weekend: "If we could have another trial and put him [Simpson] in jail, yes, we would do it."

Patti Goldman was joined by her husband, Fred, and stepdaughter, Kim, in a New York hotel to launch their book about their son. His Name Is Ron: Our Search for

man's mother said at the Justice is a 350-page pagen to the young waiter whose throat was slashed when he visited Nicole Brown on June 12, 1994.

"He put himself in a different persona and he committed these crimes," Kim Goldman said of Mr Simpson, who was found liable for the two deaths last week. "He's so far gone, deep down, that he probably ing to yesterday's Newsweek magazine, Mr Simpson plans to leave Los Angeles and move to Florida, where the proceeds from the sale of his \$3.7 million (£2.3 million) Brentwood mansion will still be subject to seizure by the plaintiffs, but any new house he buys will not.

Meet Jim.

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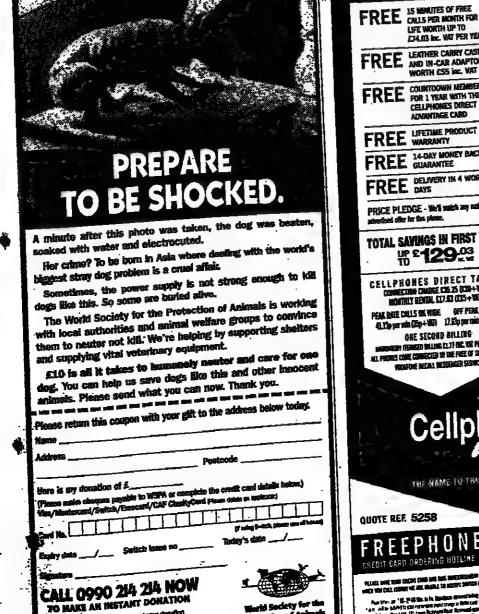


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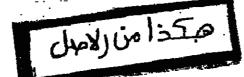




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In part two of our series, Shyam Singh looks at ways to spring-clean your system and how eating the right foods can boost energy levels

TO MONOFAST, you should only eat one kind of fruit or vegetable. This both cleanses the body and allows the stomach to rest (because no proteins and lats are eaten, there is no requirement for hydrochloric acid and bile, which digest and emulsify these foods in the stomach).

The body uses all that we eat in the form of glucose. Fructose is changed to glucose by the stomach's digestive pro-

#### MONOFAST

cess. The best fasts are with plums, grapes, kiwi fruit, papaya, custard apples or

The best juices are from root vegetables like carrots, beetroot and celery tops.

Continue this diet for seven

to twenty-one days and drink plenty of hot water. For the colon eat soft pears,

pineapple monofast for

seven days. Ensure that the

pineapples are very ripe

Eat raw food for at least

one month and continue to

eat pineapple for breakfast.

Avoid any sugar or wheat products; drink plentiful amounts of bottled water,

and avoid all fizzy drinks

as they contain saccharine.

Arthritis remedy: Squeeze the juice from

three pineapples, three

three grapefruit. Put the

The next day mix with

the juice and strain. Then take 250ml boiling water,

50g cream of tartar (citric

acid), 50g Epsoro salts (ed-

overnight.

and that the acidic core is

plums, papaya (with seeds). onion soup, apples with seeds.
For the kidneys and heart eat watermelons or grapes. For the liver eat grilled oranges or ripe pineapple.

For the stomach eat apples

thout seeds. For all organs eat peaches, apricots (including the kernel) and nectarines (but only ripe

To strengthen the body eat mangoes, papaya and grapes.

ARTHRITIS

#### SPORTS DIET WHEN suffering from acute arthritis or gout, try a

ON WAKING, place the juice of a whole lemon and the juice of a whole orange in a tumbler of hot water, allow to cool and drink first thing with one tablespoon of fructose. If fruit is not obtainable, use plain

Breakfast: Choice of half a grapefruit, orange, apple or stewed prunes. One or two soft boiled, poached or scrambled eggs. A piece of cod, wholemeal bread with butter. A cup of tea or dandelion

Or, fruit salad, with seedless raisins, nuts, plus 25g of sesame seeds. One or two glasses of fruit juice.

Lunch: One or two slices of wholemeal bread with fresh butter, tomato and green sal-ad. Fruit or fruit salad. Glass of fruit juice.

Tea: One cup of tea with a buttered rusk or cracker. Dinner: Pulped cream soup; choice of lean meat, fish or

omlette with potatoes and green salad or mixed vegeta-ble salad. Choice of fruit salad, stewed fruit, or a pudding made with tapioca, semolina or macaroni Avoid all starchy foods, white bread, white sugar, white flour, pickles, vinegar, pastries, sausages, out-ofseason foods, preserved foods,

fried foods, and follow the

above-mentioned diet as closely as is convenient. Eat plenty of pomegranates, figs, or-anges, ground almonds, cabbage, spinach, carrots, tomatoes, grapes and sesame seeds. breathe out properly. Emphasis needs to be placed on emptying the lungs, not breathing in.

ible). 25g bicarbonate of soda. Dissolve this mixture in the water until cooled. using an earthenware or china receptacle. As cream of tartar will not mix readily, the mixture needs to be well stirred when boiling and well shaken before

Mix the juice and bottle. Drink a glass (150ml) from time to time on an empty weeks. By that time your body will have thrown off all the stiffness in the

juice in a jar and seal with Ensure a plentiful supply of ripe pincapples before beginning the diet, remem-Put the pineapple skins with the pips of the orange. lemons and grapefruit into a blender until pulped. bering to cut out the acidic parts. Also take homeo-Place in a glass basin and pathic tissue salts as adadd 450ml cold water. vised by a homeopath. Leave the mixture

As a general rule it is safer to avoid eating oranges and lemons on their own if you suffer from arthritis since they tend to affect the calcium balance

#### DETOXIFICATION

**DETOXIFICATION** takes place in the liver. One of the best ways to stimulate a liver detox is a diet of grilled oranges. Grilled oranges are anti-fungal, anti-bacterial and anti-viral. They contain large amounts of vitamins C and P. When both vitamins are comcalled bioflavanoid complex. which has a positive powerful impact on the immune system. When you fill or bake the

orange, the white of the skin becomes very mushy and minles with the flesh. This pap is the most potent part of the baked orange. Cut the oranges into two halves and grill them with the insides facing the heat. The exposed part facing the grill should look brown as namon had been sprinkled on it. This colouration will enable you to see that you have grilled the oranges



Eating only one kind of fruit or vegetable cleanses the body's organs and allows the stomach a well-earned rest

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# Exclusive screenings of The Crucible

have the chance to enjoy an exclusive preview screening of The Crucible, with Acade.u Award winner Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder and Joan

Author Arthur Miller wrote the screenplay for The Crucible, adapting his stage play about a group of teenage girls accused of witchcraft in Salem in 1692. The film, directed by Nicholas Hytner (director of The Madness of King George) is a drama about collective evil and personal guilt.

SHOWCASE (6.30-7pm): Birmingham: Erdington; Bristol: Avon Meads; Coventry: Cross Point; Glasgow; Showcase Leisure Park, Bargeddie; Leeds: Batley: Liverpool: Norris Green; Manolymeter. Belle Vue; Nottingham: Lenton; Peterborotoh: Boongate; Reading: Winnersh; Stockton: Teesside Leisure Park, Walsalt: Bentley Mill Way. WARNER (6-6,30pm): Acton: Royal Leisure Cinema;

Cambridge: Grafton Centre; Croydon: Lathams Way.

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#### ANTI-CATARRH

THE lungs consist of a number of bronchii. The bronchii divide into bronchi-2. Eat plenty of fresh figs, oles, which further divide es, grapes, brown ground almonds, into smaller sets of alveoles, which absorb the oxygen. A useful exercise to open the spinach, carrots, lungs is to tap the chest and emit a "Yasaii Yasaii tomatoes, broccoli and pomegranates. 3. Avoid alcohol, starchy

fructose

Yaaaii" sound for three to minutes each day.
All plants of the allium foods, white sugar, sau-sages, pickles, vinegar, sages, pickles, vinegar, tinned, preserved and fried family are anti-catarrhal: chives, onions, garlic, and leeks. Red onions are more On rising: Drink a turneffective that white onions bler of warm water with the inice of a lemon or orange. because they are rich in vitamins A and E. They are with a tablespoon of

also anti-oxidams. Eating plan:
1. Follow this plan as closely as possible. Drink copious ounts of liquid between meals: water, ginger tea, black tea and herb tea.

THIS diet will not cure any of

the following disorders, but it will help to minimise the

effect of the symptoms:

VertigoHeadaches

Tremons

Paralysis

Impaired consciou

Nerve root disorders

Breakfast Two tablespoors

overnight, or 20 pecan nots

soaked overnight, or 20 al-

pecied, and raw or dried fruit,

 All forms of neuralgia Sleep disorders

NERVES

Breakfast: Fruit salad with

raisins and muts. One or two

Lunch: Onion soup. Add some paprika, a pioch of salt.

and some course black pep-

glasses diluted fruit juice.

snaked overnight. Midday: 25-50g cream cheese, raw salad fincluding any raw vegetables shredded, grated or minced) with walnut oil and kemon juice dressing. Salads make the gastric juices work. Follow it with 75-100g dried fruit, preferably apples, dates

Evening: Wholemeal bread and butter or cereal with cream. Salad again with nuts, cream or honey. Eat a cup of Night One cap of insta-

per. Eat it as not as you can

stand it Tomato and green

salad, fruit. One or two

slices of wholemeal bread

with unsalted butter. Fruit

juice, vegetable bouillon, or

Marmite dissolved in hot

with lemon, tamarind and

coarse black pepper. Pota-

toes. Green salad or raw mixed vegetable salad. As

much onion soup as you like.

Lean meat, fish or omelette.

Tapioca or buckwheat

Assignments: Go for long

walks in the countriyside:

when your nose is blocked,

add a few drops of eucalyp-

tus oil, camphor oil and tea-

tree oil to hot water and then

inhale; massage the feet to stimulate the lungs.

pudding.

Dinner: Broccoli, steamed

petable bouillon. Drinks Barley water, dandelion coffee, bran ten (one tablespoon of bran per mug. Boil and let simmer for three to five minutes), fresh vegetable juices, diluted milk, coffee (freshly ground, one to two cups a day) with cold-pressed

oney. Drink about half to threeuarters of a litre of liquids a day between meals.

Assignment: Hot and cold showers on the spine, three minutes hot and one minute cold. Finish with a cold one.

winter, you can detoxify and cleanse your body from the effects of winter foods, which are often preserved and rich in starch and proteins. To initiate this change of dict, eat only raw food for a day before

First day: Fruit juice diluted with distilled or decalcified water, alternating with clearvegetable soup from seasonal vegetables. Use six cups of diced or grated vegetables for the vegetable soup. Boil four litres of water until two litres are left. Drink one cupful every two hours during the

Second day: Repeat. Third day: Three meals of fresh fruit only. Any fruit that you can buy - pineapples, peaches, apples, oranges,

pears, etc. Fourth day: Repeat, plus a glass of instant biological vegetable bouillon at each

Fifth day: Breakfast Fresh fruit and bioyoghurt.
Lunch: Large salad com-

prising lettuce, watercress, grated carrots. Follow it up with raisins and soaker prunes or figs.

Dinner: Steamed cabbage and carrots with 50g of marinated tofu - cooked or raw. Sixth day: Breakfast: Fresh

fruit and wheatgern bio-Lunch: Large mixed salad with three crispbreads and

Dinner: Steamed sprouts or greens. Organically grown potatoes baked with their skins. Baked apples stuffed with raisins and cloves.

Seventh day: Design your meal with wholemeal bread, honey, wholewheat cereals, tresh fruit, mixed green sal-ads, diluted fruit juices.

Assignments: Take a hot bath every night with 500g Epsom saits 500g sea sait and 125g bicarbonate of soda. You may also add a teaspoon each of mustard powder and paprika. Be careful not to touch or rub your eyes. Stand up slowly to avoid dizziness, then take a cold shower. Go straight to bed with warm night clothes.

If a bath is not available, take hot and cold showers. Let the water run on the spine. three minutes hot and one minute cold. Repeat three

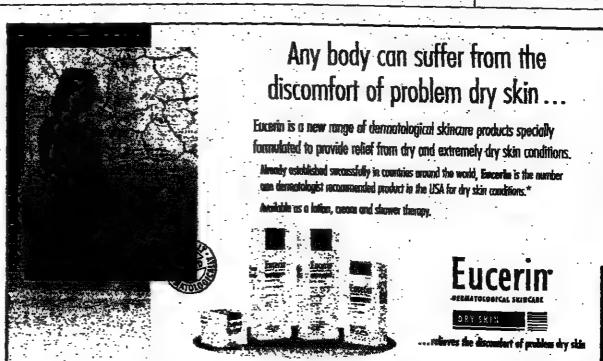
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## How I was cured of nightmares



**Nightmares** happen to people who think they are good and fail to acknowledge that they are also evil, says Fay Weldon

suffered from nighthusband could overtake dramatically where no safe mares when I was a child and helieved in overtaking seemed possible. ghosts until I was well into missing death by inches, leaving pale and terrified faces behind him. For some my twenties. I had some justification: I would "see" apparitions from time to reason I took this pastime time - people who were there then suddenly not there or be followed by for granted - perhaps because I was so grateful for a roof over my head I didn't shadows with nothing oblike to argue. servable to cause them. I Night was falling as we would "hear" noises in the took the mountain road out night, where no noise ought of Innsbruck. To my terror, to be, and so forth. When I I recognised the road as the was IS, I dreamt my grandone in my dream. With mother came to see me in every curve the place be-came more familiar. Trees the middle of the night, she told me "I'm dying, I'm bending in over the road dying", and then said goodbare slabs of rock gleaming bye to me and smiled As h in the moonlight. We happened she'd had a heart stopped at the first auberge attack at the time I had the we came to - thank God it dream and had only wasn't at all like the one in thought she was dying, and the dream. I remember my lived to discuss the dream relief. But then it turned out with me. Telepathy more the inn was full. Staff led us than a haunting, certainly, and that was a "good" to an annexe - and there

dream - at least she was smiling

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who believe they are good, and fall to acknowledge

their own dreadfulness.

Children are always the

heroes of their own lives: as

one grows older one comes

to realise one is villain, too.

In my late twenties. I was

cured of nightmares. This is

how it happened. I'd had a

recurring "bad dream" for years; in which I was mak-

ing my way up a mountain

in a place which looked like

Transylvania - certainly

vampire country. Night was

falling. We - a vague group

- stopped at a country inn.

Iwould be given a room off

an upper corridor, and go to

bed and try to sleep. But moonlit forest branches

scrabbled against the win-

dow; and eventually claws,

too, and the window would

crack, and howling, dement-

ed creatures spring at me -

and I'd awake, and the

the nightmare house stood, in all its gabled 'I put the I called home the girl and my child bring terror with in the haunted room'

the right moon-lit branches scrabbled times came with these dubiagainst the pane - the one to the left looked out over ous perceptions, as a total eclipse of the sun seems to the valley, caim, benign and do in India, and as irratiostill. I put the girl and my nally. But disaster never child in the haunted room, happened. As for the night-mares. I started with the and chose the other for myself and my husband. I notion that they came from somehow outside me: that am not proud of it. Mothers should not behave like this. they were invasions of pure They should give up their one was asleep and defencechildren. I knew the better less and unable to fight way, but chose the worse. I back: the dreamer pure vicwas not a good person: tim. Poor me, poor, fright-ened me! Nightmares happen, I think, to people

H passed a quiet night I even slept, night I even sieps, for once dreamlessly. I had survived the night but my relief was short-lived - I spent the next few days in terror, waiting for nemesis: for the car crash, for the fatal accident to me and mine. It did not come.

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ing each other.

in the room to

I never had the dream again. I don't think I've had a nightmare since. There was no way I could pretend any longer that I was so nice and good that evil must come from outside me, not inside me. I realised I was responsible for my own nightmares. They were self-generated. The fact of the matter was that I was as cowardly and self-interested as anyone else. Nor could I hide from myself that my husband's overtaking hab its scared me to bits and would kill us all sooner or later, child included. I ran away soon after and restarted my life.

terror last for hours. Then one night reality 'If dreams are how we tell caught up with the dream. I ourselves what we need to know, mine were just havwent on a touring holiday in Austria with my then husing to shake me very hard indeed, I was being so band, 25 years older than myself, my small child and obtuse. Nightmares are desa "girl to help". We had a perate things. sedate blue Ford Anglia car, · Extracted from The Tiget but super-charged so my Garden, Sepent's rail, £9.99





Margaret Thatcher (although she was rather a relic of her upbringing) and Sigourney Weaver playing the vamp with Harrison Ford in Working Girl







Girl power: the she-women you can rely on - the Spice Girls, Bianca and Tiffany from EastEnders and the warm-hearted women from the American sitcom Friends

# He-women and she-women

or the past couple of weeks, the women gathered around the office chocolate mach-They have all the benefits of feminism, but none of the battle scars. Giles Coren reports on the advocates of women's glib improvement, and ultimately spent all her time valuing her their own achievements and if these women do exist steals her ideas for her own buddies over long-term boydon't want other women jumpthen their mentality presumprofit. friends and plotting the iming on the bandwagon." Perably develops out of an ancient "I saw it again on video and idea, perpetuated initially by

ine in the middle of the sumed, it seems, by a single obsession. In the local newsagent, and in the Waitrose carpark, in the corridors of the it rang so true," says Diane House, and on the terraces at Turner (not her real name), a bond trader for a large Euro-Chelsea, women have been congregating to assert the nean bank. "I am perceived in possession of an eighth sense the office as being just like the or is it a ninth?). Sigourney Weaver character, You can sniff them out a and now they have started calling me 'Horlick'. But 1

mile away," they say.

"Oh, you wouldn't understand." Try me.
The he-women. Surely

you've heard of them?" Tessa Sanderson? Brigitte Nielsen? Jet from Gladiators? Or are he-women, perhaps, what it-girls grow into, once they have eschewed she-hood? Apparently not. The concept stems from a recent piece in the Sunday Mirror by Amanda Platell, at the time acting editor of the paper. For a sensory perception to have developed in half our species these he-women must have been around for longer than a formight, but it is Ms Platell who has given the condition a

DAME. The article in question offered an indictment of Nicola Horlick by an outraged "sister". On the first day of February, Ms Horlick, whose peripeteia until then had made her something of an icon among businesswomen, said. "most women aren't cut out for jobs at the top. They do not work hard enough. They are pathetic and they cry. All they do is mosn and whinge".

And Ms Horlick is outed as a he-woman. He-women, Ms Platell says "feel threatened by women. It dilutes their own uniqueness, and they do everything they can to hold other women down. They are worse than the worst male chauvinists." Really? Worse than Bernard Manning, Jim Davidson and the Duke of Edinburgh?

If by "he woman" what is meant is the sort of woman who surrounds herself with men, does nothing to promote the interests of her own sex, and does all she can to kill off the competition, then the model for the modern he-woman must be Sigourney Weaver's fire-breathing businesswornan in Working Girl. In Mike Nichols' 1988 film. Melanie Griffith takes a job as a secretary with a female boss. hopes of promotion, and hopes for better treatment than she has suffered at the hands of men, only to find that the new alternative is far worse. Weaver belittles her in public, squashes her efforts at self-

pending dawn of the gynaecocracy over lashings of caffe latte. These are clearly the she-women ithe ones who are always in the los consoling the girlfriends of the men being gobbled up outside by the he-girls), women like Caroline Ouentin, Josie Lawrence. Saily Gunnell, Clare Short,

EastEnders. Il Nicola Horlick has brought the he-woman issue under fresh scrutiny, it is said that she, in turn, learnt all she knows from Carol Galley, her former employer, the vice-chairman of Mercury Asset Management. And digging deeper among City women, one finds that they are only too

He-women are worse than the worst

ways say things male like, Just because I am a woman and a chauvinists' director, don't expect that you are capable of it, I am not prepared to invest time at the Winning Women in and the benefit of my experience in you, when you are just

ren before you're 30.' if a man had talked to me like that, I could have made a reasonable case for discrimination, not that I would have done. aybe the zombie women fike her have made it pos-

going to leave and have child-

don't feel like that at all, I feel

like the downtrodden but es-

sentially sweet and loving

So why the confusion? "I think it is because successful

women used to be like that,

and people's imaginations

have not yet had time to readjust," Ms Turner says. "In

the past, I have certainly

worked for one he woman, a

woman who mocked me in

front of men, and sat there

cackling abuse at

me while male con-

temporaries leapt

to light her ciga-

rettes and receive

the flutters of her

eyelashes, as well

as responsibilities

she never gave me.

Melanie Griffith type,"

sible for a newer breed of woman, like me, to be a bit more human - but they have also left us the legacy of their brutish ambition and hormone imbalances." And she cites the kind of

women who chat up other people's husbands at parties, surround themselves with men at social events from Ascot to the Oscars, and spread bile and venom among the women of their acquaintance to the ultimate end of discrediting their sex.

Whatever happened to Girl Power? What about the Spice Girls and Triendship never ends"? From the odd episode of Friends I have seen, I thought that Rachel, Phoebe and Monica were archetypes for the modern female, who achievements.

and Bianca and Tiffany from natural.

happy to suggest candidates for the ultimate "he-woman", but do not want to be quoted, for fear of giving off the whiff of sour grapes. But the name of

Ruth Lea crops up more than a few times, and deserves a mention. Head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, she caused quite a tremor among the sorority

Business conference last March, when she said: "I actually believe that obstacles to women's progress are exag-gerated . . . I can't help thinking that people who attribute their problems to obstacles are copping out, Perhaps they don't deserve to succeed." And on women-only networks, an issue that really separates the hes from the shes, she said: To be blunt, they're not important enough. The majority of important people are

If Lea's or Horlick's opinions were expressed by a man they would be denounced instandy as appallingly sexist. They are appallingly sexist," says Tanya Mitchell, a project co-ordinator at Opportunity 2000, which has 300 member companies, and seeks to "increase the quality and quantity of women in the workplace".

But the he-woman attitude is not totally new to Ms Mitchell, "I have to say that I have encountered no women like this myself, but I have certainly heard stories of women getting to the top and then pulling the rope up after them. It may be that they feel they have reached the top by

haps he-women resent organisations such as Opportunity 2000 as if, in some way, a gignificant influx of women would undermine their own

"I interviewed one woman,"

says Ms Mitchell, "who felt that she had kicked down this massive door, and helped other women to get through it, who might not otherwise have had the strength. But she was delighted about it, not resentful. That is the common response, and surely the most

erhaps prejudice of this kind. that women do not work hard enough and whinge, is something that bubbles under the surface, but which men now know is not acceptable to say aloud, whereas a woman feels that she is more entitled to do so. A man who said such things would be jumped on from a great height, and the same should happen to a woman."

A much wider audience will have been inspired by that patron of all he-women, Margaret Thatcher, who, once assured of a power beyond the realm of gender specificity, declined the opportunity to offer women jobs in her cahinet - attracting the wrath, most nutably of Baroness Chalker. Afraid of dilution? Enam-

oured of a specific kind of power she could wield only over men? Or genuinely unimpressed with the political gifts of her own sex? Whichever view you take, it was certainly influential - who did not appreciate the ironic replication of her cabinet in the That's Life team, in which Esther Rantzen ruled and started but surrounded herself with men - Gavin, Chris, Bill, Doc - who were occasionally encouraged to hold up vegetable and remark how much like a rude part of their anatomy it looked.

But the Thatcher attitud has since been dismissed understood, even - as a reli of her upbringing in a bygon age, when men were men. And so were women, if they knew what was good for them. And so Ms Platell's lan

guage seems strangely out of tune with the times. "Superwoman had become supertraitor," she writes, in the idiom of a 1970s braburner. Does Platell really believe in the he-woman?

ist Kathy Lette, for one, is taking no chances. The hewomen betray their sex," says the author of Mad Cows and Foetal Attraction. They have all the benefits of feminism. but none of the battle scars they are advocates of women's And while it is impossible

not to sympathise with Ms Platell's thesis (generated, it is said, by her own suffering at the hands of unshe-womanliness in the workplace), is there not evidence of a chronic breakdown in sisterly solidarity on her own part, that she elected to create this internecine strife in the first place?

men, that if there is room for

one woman at the top of an

organisation, then there is

certainly not room for two. But

dues the fact that the mentality

exists mean that he-women

exist, or has it merely put in

place a neurosis among the

others, looking for reasons

why they are being held back?

In the feminist camp, novel-

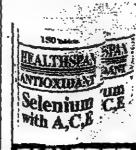
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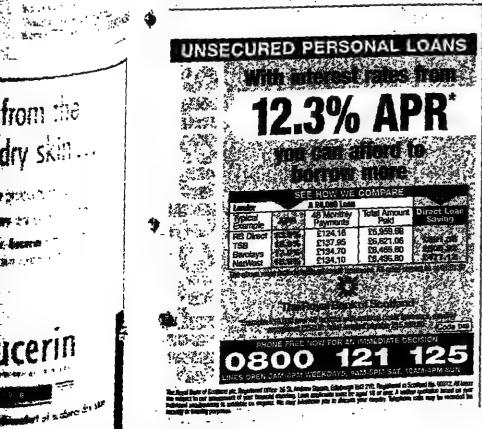


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## From Tote privatisation to windfall taxes, Mr Brown's plans are falling apart, says Woodrow Wyatt

## Africa is still a problem for all of us

Tom Stacey says Africa's problems need to be unscrambled, most of

all in the former French colonies

scramble is under way in Africa's heartland that re-Calls the scramble of a century ago, and whites are still at the heart of it. Then, the scramblers were the British, Germans, French and Belgians, each thrusting aside the Arabs. The scramblers today are American (thrusting aside the Arabs) and French, with the British also on the scene.

The rewards then were slaves and ivory for the Arabs, and, for the Europeans, saved souls and colonial territories — and all that might flow from them. The rewards today are spheres of influence, and all that flows from them in terms of power and wealth. And for certain Arabs, there is the prospect of the spread of fundamentalist Islam.

A century ago, the contest was bold and overt, now it is covert. Now, as then, avarice and altruism run side by side.

The colonial will evaporated scarcely three generations after the carve-up, and the metropolitan powers tossed indepen-dence to this or that territory, with a ballot box masquerading as

democracy.
The Congo fell apart instantly. Zanzibar and Tanginyika, Uganda and Kenya deteriorated in varying styles at various speeds. Civil war erupted in south Sudan. The Central African Republic slithered into barbarism.

In Rwanda and Burundi the vote overturned the social order of generations by passing power from the Tutsi aristocracy to the Hutu majority. Mutual massacre ensued and Tutsis in their tens of thousands

fled to Uganda.

As the Cold War faded, aid became the thing, whether supplied through the International Monetary Fund, the

directly from the donor countries to became ever more sharply conditional. America's economic and political weight predominated. Yet the United States had come lately to the region, its experience negligi-ble, its knowledge sparse and skewed. On the ground, black and post-colonial Realpolitik was separately at work.

The French in Africa today are pushy, patriotic and paternal-istic. When the Belgians threw in the sponge in Ruanda-Urundi, as they did in the Congo, France saw its chance to extend its patronage over three "new" countries where French was the common tongue. In the late 1980s, defence agreements with both of the Hutu governments brought French military partication in Rwanda's attempt from the late 1980s to contain the guerrilla war conducted by well-armed and trained Tutsis fighting as the Rwanda Patriotic

So who was arming and training the Patriotic Front? Indeed, who composed it? Well, since 1986 Uganda's guerrilla president has been a Tutsi, Yoweri Kaguta, who adopted the sobriquet "Museveni" (Mr Seven) after the little band around which he formed the largely Tutsi guerrilla force that finally won him power in Kampala. One of the early band was Paul Kagame, the vice-president and effective leader of today's Rwanda. The cream of Museveni's army was not easily distinguishable from the

Museveni could not be worse than his predecessors, and might prove better. Three years later, in 1989, Lynda Chalker became dispenser of Britain's over-seas aid, and Museveni her golden protegé. He has made her look successful Baroness Chalker, not one to underrate her queenly role, has championed him indefatigably in the American-dominated forums of international aid, as she has simultaneously championed the waiving of debts. Uganda today, with half its budget provided by aid, owes on a majestic scale. Kampala is stuffed with aid organisations manned by high-earning

Since the late 1980s, America has been sucked into the region by the Somali crisis, Islamic funda mentalism in Khartoum, and the humanitarian disaster of Rwanda. What America saw in Sudan was the Government of General Bashir spreading Iranian-style Muslim fundamentalism which would destabilise the Middle East and porthern Africa. So Bashir must be weakened. One way to achieve that was to pour money and weapons via Uganda into the black, non-Muslim rebels of John Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army.

Following the simultaneous mur-der of the Hutu presidents of both Rwanda and Burundi in 1994, the first to be chopped up in Rwanda were Tutsi by Hutu.

The Tutsi (who make up 11 per cent of Rwanda's population) in-stantly became the goodles while the Hutus became the baddies. So American-led aid poured

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in. much of it via Uganda, and the Hutu governments of both countries collapsed. But the Tutsi are on top now. They have the power, the weapons - they never surrendered them - and the international money.

And today the Tutsis have the eastern part of Zaire, under the commissarship of Mus-eveni's guerrilla placeman, Laurent Kabila,

who dreams that from his enclave from the east, as his backer Museveni rolled up Uganda from

lready his authority reaches A into copper-rich Shaba (Ka-tanga), his home ground, and he threatens Kisangarii (Stanlevville) in the north, a stone's throw from Mobutu's own fortified tribal base. Great territories and potential wealth, and the power of gods and cultures are seemingly at stake. In all this, a dependable Museveni is seen as vital by

America and Britain. Yet the French are opposed Having backed the Hutus, they have for the moment lost out. They also trained and armed the failing forces of Zaire's Mobutu, who is now back at his remote palace after treatment for cancer in Europe. France is smarting in its temporary eclipse. Yet the French ring the area. They have troops across the river from Kinshasa (in Brazzaville) and from Kisangani, and (in Bangui). They have more in Djibouti in the Horn. The French know Africa. are pragmatic, intensely possessive of their linguistic area, and accustorned to responding to calls in Africa wherever diplomatically and

As vast Zaire crumbies, Museveni's Tutsi adventurism is catching up with his backers in the heart of a very African darkness. After the Somali fiasco, America's State Department coined a wishful adage, "Let Africa solve Africa's prob-lems". But Africa won't, and can't - not on this scale, and least of all where French is spoken and there is

#### The closer we get to the election, the more closely Labour's possible methods of raising extra money to pay for at least some of their election pledges are examined. They are constricted by their promise, if they keep it, so follow the present Government's spending plans for the next two years and not to raise personal income tax. It is desperate work in Gordon Brown's office, scratching

around for plums to pick.
Over the weekend, the idea of privatising the Tote was floated in the belief that it is state-owned. Presumably this emanated from Gordon Brown's circle. I laughed. As Chairman of the Tote I am very conscious of the Government's admission to the all-party committee that examined the Tote in 1991, that the government does not own the Tote. For the time being, only the members of the board are able to dispose of or add to its assets. Labour has always been very supportive of the Tote, and recently helped through both Houses of Parliament legislation enabling the Tote to take bets on Irish lottery numbers and also to offer bets on any event, just as ordinary book-makers do. This includes bets on the results of the May I election. The Tote now has the greatest bookmaker of them all, Ladbroke,

joining Tote Direct. Others are

Why Labour 1s betting on a loser

year it is reasonable to hope that some 6,000 of the country's 8,000 betting shops will have signed on. There is a fine prospect of surging profitability for the Tote, the profits of which go to racing. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, un-derstood this and had a row with Gordon Brown. Yesterday. Robin Cook, who knows about racing. said he had pulled down the curtain on the crazy Tote plan. This is a record for Labour summer-saults in 36 hours. I am glad to note that Labour values the Tote at

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The windfall tax has run into difficulties. Millions with small shareholdings or associated with pension funds, which have invested heavily in the privatised utilities, are growing more than somewhat irritated. I have a feeling that this curious tax, of which we are not told the extent, could hit the rocks.

Another possibility for raising money which would not breach Labour's promise on personal in-come tax is a wealth tax. In August 1974, Denis Healey of "squeeze the rich till the pips squeak" fame, issued Command Paper 5704 from the Treasury. In his foreword he observed: "the bulk of privately owned wealth is still concentrated in relatively few hands. Once the additional taxable capacity repre-sented by ownership of wealth is adequately brought into charge, excessive inequalities of wealth will

in time be croded . . . " Denis Healey gave various examples of his proposed tax, starting at I per cent a year on anyone with total assets of £100,000 from all sources, rising to 4 per cent for those with £2.5 million and 5 per cent for having the cheek to own assets of more than £5 million. My friend Lord Hollick of United News and Media, like other enormously

imagine that Labour is only a tame pussy cat, had better start some tax.

With the country in increasingly sceptical mood about Europe, the difference between Labour and the Conservatives is growing sharper. Robin Cook has said he looks forward to a majority of socialist par-ties controlling the EU. He added that he is comfortable with the "social model". This includes the social chapter that Labour is pledged to join, which has devastated industry and commerce on the Continent. The social chapter is the reason why German unemployment is above 12 per cent and still rising while ours is 6.5 per cent and falling. Numerous German firms are moving into Britain, hoping that we will never join the single currency, under which the richer nations will be forced to pay luge subsidies to the poorer. But Mr

Cook has said that if the single currency works for those who join it, it is inevitable that we should, too.

I do not believe Mr Major would ever allow a Conservative govern-ment to join the single currency, with all its calamitous consequences. Under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the EU cannot stop our trade with Europe if we keep the pound intact. The absurdity of cutting Britain off from the continental marketplace would be disastrous for the other BU economies, with which we have an enormous adverse balance.

The Tories' private polls are moving towards a single figure gap between them and Labour, and the present difference between those who identify most with the Tories or most with Labour is now nil. The variation of these figures from those of the large commercial polling organisations is almost certainly due to the atmosphere created by broadcasting and the press, which suggests that it is politically incorrect to confess support for Major. In the polling battle for the confess support for Major. In the polling booths it will be a different story. The race is far from finished. I have backed the outsider, John Major, coming up fast, and I do not intend to hedge the bets I have put on him. If I were you, Mrs Blair, I wouldn't start planning new decorations for No 10.

at Oxford be directly compared to

the lecturer teaching 'golf course management' at the University of

the West of England?" Angry voices will say that the golf course

manager is more economically useful than the philosopher, as if

that had snything to do with it. The Education Secretary Mrs Shepherd is particularly fond of making

blokeish comparisons between

OMES HARE

# The ideals of a university

Oxford must protect its excellence,

but not by narrowing its intake

suppose the worst thing about being a scholar must be the clusions. If fragments of moon-rock turn out on analysis to be green cheese after all, or new and uncontrovertible evidence proves that your life's work was a waste of time because we have been reading the Rosetta Stone upside down, then the scholar cannot bury the depressing evidence under mounds of political rhetoric. He has to speak up.

At least, this is the kindest

interpretation to put upon the statement by a group of Oxford dons that the university might best preserve its quality by going private. The group, led by Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke, has

Chancellor say-ing that "pertial privatisation" by fees is inevitable. and that the university should exnlone the further steip of renouncing government

funding.

There will be hissing and hostility, especially from those who despise the grip of Oxbridge on public life. "Typical!" they will say. "They want to be free of the masses and to perpetuate the power of their own sort! They want the kittens of the world's fat-cats! A la guillotine! They have a point. A fee paying Oxford — even leavened by a few bursaries — is a pretty horrible idea. There is no evidence that a supply of brilliant, adventurous 18-year-old minds is best achieved by seeing whose parents happen to have £8,000 to spare, on top of maintenance. Nor is the idea of prolonged loans attractive all very well for the likes of Nicola Horlick who glide from Balliol to the financial stratosphere, but unfair on those who go into research or teaching. All it would produce is candidates who are either already rich, or determined to get rich quick. Not the Oxford undergraduates I best remember: a miner's son, the brilliant if eccentric daughter of a widowed Leicester dinnerlady, and numerous offspring of modestly paid GPs, teachers and first-generation professionals. None of them — none of us, because my father too was a civil servant nearing retirement -- would have been there without public support.

could be the only way to save the this point I acknowledge another barrage of angry sneers: why should this archaic and clinist insti-tution think anybody needs its dated systems of teaching? Who gives a damn whether loopy dons are able to continue listening to privileged kiddies reading out their essays in pairs and proposing their jejeune arguments before tripping back up historic staircases to panelled rooms, and dining by candielight in Batman gowns? Can't the little beasts just live in concrete shoe-boxes and take notes in lemme rooms like everybody else?
Because the tutorial and colle-

giate system is precious, that's why. Yes, it is old-fashioned; no, it does written an open letter to the Vice- not meet modern business criteria of cost-effective-

> it is still precious, as a golden reliquary is precious, or a definitive per-formance of the Moonlight Sonata. It is run by

human beings and some of them are charlatans or idlers, yes, but when it works the system is without compare. As an Oxford or Cambridge undergraduate, you are a member

not a customer of your college, which makes you a younger sibling of some of the most distinguished exponents of many subjects. You have easy access to these people. You meet tutors not amid a sea of upturned lecture-room faces, but individually. You haltingly try out your ideas on them, and are slapped down or encouraged, treat-ed kindly or roughly as chance and desert may have it. Pupils are swapped: from my all-women college I was sent out to such major figures as C. L. Wren, Hugo Dyson, Lord David Cecil and John Jones. Friends in other subjects had a similar spread of experience. Some of it was alarming, some nurturing. all stimulating.

Few dons regarded themselves primarily as teachers, and few bothered with kindly sogginess or political correctness. If they thought you were talking rubbish, they said so, even if you were a blushing 17-year-old. Gradually. you learnt to answer back. Sometimes the tutorial hour petered out in lackadaisical sherry-drinking: sometimes it ran well over time as we argued intensely about the meaning of a text. I felt part of a



Intensive academic teaching gives students something to aspire to

community of scholars; for quite long periods, indeed, my own degree prospects seemed irrelevant next to the burning interest of the

topic in hand. thought all universities were like that until friends at more modern foundations explained otherwise. Gradually I realised how eccentric and precious was the system I had experienced. No doubt it has its faults, but it is founded on respect for scholarship, for argument, for the meeting and sparking of minds. And -- ironically given the latest proposals - it is the richer because some of those minds come from different backgrounds. It does some dons no end of good to be argued with from a fiercely chippy working-class per-spective. If Oxford does confine itself to the offspring of the rich, it will lose vital hybrid vigour.

pyramid of unacknowledged difficulty. We have nearly trebled higher education: one in three young people now goes through something called a university. I put it thus because one of the more. breathtakingly dishonest things this government has done is blithely to rename a slew of polytechnics and colleges "universities" without doing anything to ensure the standard of their courses.

There was never anything wrong with an honest poly; many provided vocational courses of great rigour and value, up to any university's standards. But the renaming. and the conspiracy of embarrassed silence which now inhibits distinctions between old stone, red brick, white tile, breezeblock and chipboard "universities", has led to a most unscholarly fudge. The Times will probably be vilified for asking yesterday: "Can the don taking a

landscape gardening and classics itter. We are constantly told that the gold reliquary is pointless ase a Tupperware box does the obody dare challenge this. Political parties are too airaid of the grow-ing middle-class, which wants a "university education" for its kids, and wants it free. So we end up with a ghastly muddle. Only resterday, London Guildhall University admitted to using a question from a nine-year-old A level paper in its degree exam, and the lecturer who set the module teaches it on a franchise basis retorted that it was all the students

could manage. The Higher Education Quality Council expresses fears that standards are breaking down: Vice-chancellors admit that grades from different universities vary widely. Not being a vicechancellor, I can be franker and say that some current "degrees" are worthless: soft, waffly subjects, so many modules that you can't fail, "negotiated" assignments you don't have to do, exams that examine nothing much and no contact with

any real scholars.

Meanwhile, by stealth, an informal "Ivy League" is forming; the best universities know who they are, and so do employers. And at the tip of the pyramid, Oxford dons wonder about opting out entirely. So innocent 18-year-olds are being conned by a weaselly, embarrass-ingly British blend of false egalitar-ianism and secret snobbery. Earlier generations might have had to fight harder for places, but at least they knew what they was signing up for. They did either academic courses, fascinating in themselves, but hard and possibly of no relevance to any career; or vocational courses which gave them a qualification with definite value; or something shorter and less academic at a College of Further Education. The polys and colleges were honourable and useful places: it is their dignity, not that of the old universities, which is degraded by the present charade.

But what politician would dare enrage voters with the idea that perhaps young Johnny should not be a "university graduate" after all?

## In training

THE FORMER made model Carole Caplin, 35, who embarrassed Labour by showing up with the lea-der's wife to the 1994 party confer-ence, has skipped back into Cherie Booth's life once again. She is the personal trainer behind her new fitness regime at a north London gym.



Carole, from the waist up

Caplin, who graced the inside pages of the Daily Star and once posed semi-naked on the cover of Men Only, helped to transform Booth's image after Tony Blair was elected leader in July 1994. But her advice was deemed unnecessary after the media unearthed her modelling past.

Yet fellow gymnasts at the £588-a-year Albany Fitness Centre in Regent's Park claim that she is now helping out again. Carole has several clients at the gym including Cherie - who doesn't use anyone else," said one.

Cherie changes in a private room, then Carole goes through a workout with her. After Cherie has had her shower. Carole then helps with her hair and make-up. The two appear to be great friends," she added. "But they like to come very early, at 7am, to keep things

Caplin, a former dancer and author who advocates goat's milk and sex for a healthy life, describes herself as a "lifestyle consultant" whose approach is holistic. She

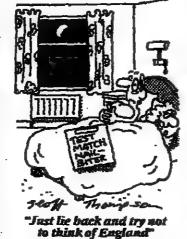
wasn't free to comment yesterday, said the club. This is a private matter for Cherie Booth."

But before throwing the idea out,

consider why the dons are refue-

tantly suggesting it. They say that it

 Reports that the newly ennobled Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber is selling his £15 million house and his wine cellar because he plans to move to Ireland in the event of a Labour government may be premature. Sir Andrew, who will be gazetted this week as Lord Lloyd-Webber of Sydmonton (his two barrels have to be



phenated in the Upper House), is flat-hunting in London — with £10-£15 million in his pocket.

## Carved up

BAD TIDINGS for the four sculptors left competing to design a sta-tue of Duke Ellington for Soho Square. Sir Eduardo Paolozzi has come off the judging panel for the contest and decided to submit his own design. It is rather as though Rostropovich had decided throw his bow into a school cello contest.

Peter Boizot, chairman of Pinza Express, jazz nut, and organiser of the competition explains: "After recriving the first drawings, Eduardo said he would like to throw his hat

into the ring. I wouldn't want this to put the others off though."

This dilemma is only the tip of a

## Sleaze quietly

SO assiduous has the disgraced MP Neil Hamilton been in his attempts to prevent sales of Sleaze. a book summarising the alleged dealings between Tory MPs and Mohamed Al Payed, that he has been hounding outlets even before they have opened.

Politico's, a new coffee bar planning to sell political literature when it opens this week, has received a stiff solicitor's letter warning of dire consequences if it stocks the book. "It was delivered by motorcycle courier, which seems a bit over the top," says managing director, lain Dale. "I do not take kindly to threats of this nature. Had he approached us in a different way, we may have listened."

●A Canadian family whose dog ate C\$1,210 (E600) of their savings in notes from a box hidden under the bed followed the golden retriever around with a pooper scooper for three days. After a diligent effort — with mother washing and ironing pieces of \$20,\$50 and \$100 bills, and the children taping them together — they were able to depos-it \$1,100 in the Hong Kong Bank of

#### No six, please

THOSE LUCKY enough to live in the shadow of Lord's Cricket Ground would be advised to wear tin hats when they venture into their gardens this summer. Only the lower tier of the ground's new £13 million Grand Stand will be completed in time for the new season, leaving residents of Cavendish Close, NW8, vulnerable to a bornbardment of well-struck sixes.

If legal advice from Jeremy Carver of the international City law firm Clifford Chance is correct the residents are not without means of revenge. The owners are legally obliged to return the ball," he says, but only in their own time."

## Failing desire

THE DAILY grind of performing in the West End has proved too much for Jessica Lange, the Oscarwinning actress and linchpin of Sir Peter Hall's production of A Street-



car Named Desire. Lange took time off after a nasty bout of 'llu three weeks ago, and has now pulled out of matinee performances. on Thursdays. The producers maintain that she is suffering from the after effects of the virus, but the feeble sprinkling of children and pensioners who show up on damp Thursday afternoons is sufficiently depressing to send any star back to

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## INNOCENTS ABROAD

Adoption is no place for political correctness

Red tape makes poor swaddling. The Health Secretary's announcement that adoption rules will be relaxed to make it easier for children without families to find families without children is a welcome, but belated, piece of deregulation. As far back as 1993 the then Secretary of State for Health, Virginia Bottomley, argued in a White Paper that children offered for adoption had become hostages of political correctness. Her successor. Stephen Dorrell, deserves two cheers for giving substance to her hopes.

The Government was, apparently, reluctant to act earlier for fear any reform would be overshadowed by arguments over the wisdom of allowing homosexuals to adopt. It is a pity that fear of appearing politically correct in one cause delayed the Government from pruning the PC excesses which already disfigured the adoption process.

The number of British-born children available for adoption has fallen steadily since the Sixties with the wider availability of birth control. Only around 400 were offered last year and there were 20 homes for every child. Given the continual high level of demand and the slow decrease in supply it has become easier for adoption panels to exercise greater selectivity in placing children. The iron law of the market influences even affairs of the heart, but the existence of an unreformed monopoly has meant many deserving parents have been denied.

Decisions in all too many adoption cases have been placed in the hands of social workers who have given more weight to abstract considerations than native wit and commonsense. Social workers are easy Aunt Sallies for Conservative politicians, but in their application of racial criteria for placing children with parents some professionals have turned political correctness into a prejudice every bit as restrictive as those it was supposed to counteract. While it might be preferable, other things being equal, for a child of one race to be placed with parents from the same background it is rarely the

case that other things are equal. To elevate race above other criteria as the benchmark of suitability is to stray down the cul-de-sac which leads to the ghetto. Complementing the professional experience of social workers on adoption panels with lay members who have experience of adoption, as parent or child, should make for a more balanced approach.

It is not only those children who languish in institutions, however well-run, in this country who would benefit from the chance to be placed with parents. Hundreds of families, anxious to adopt children from abroad, have been thwarted by regulations. Hopeful parents have been set impossible hurdles, including having to learn Mandarin, by functionaries who should learn what it is to be British - tolerant and welcoming to luckless innocents rescued from misfortune.

Children, of course, are not commodities. Advances in fertility treatment and "right to choose" rhetoric have encouraged an approach to children which treats them more as lifestyle accessory and less as divine gift. Parents who are not naturally blessed with children deserve every sympathy but may not always provide suitable homes for adopted children. Nevertheless, there should be a far greater preparedness to place children with couples yearning to adopt. So many children grow up in circumstances where affection is rationed that it is worth neglecting incompatibilities in background to see willing families given the chance to prove themselves. Loving arms are a better guarantee of future happiness for children

#### HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

than matching faces.

#### Gurkhas deserve the warmest welcome that Britain can offer

The Government announcement yesterday that the Gurkhas serving in Britain will, for the first time, be allowed to bring their families with them is a late but welcome change of heart. It said that 450 married quarters will be provided for the soldiers withdrawn from Hong Kong and rebased in Britain, allowing about 900 wives and children to come here. The announcement is a clear retreat from the tough line taken by the Ministry of Defence last year, which insisted that there was no available accommodation for the one of the most famous and decorated brigades in the British Army. As any military commander knows, tactical retreat is always the best option when the forces ranged on the other side are overwhelming. The pity is only that the Government did not occupy the high ground from the start.

The announcement was part of a general review of the Gurkhas' pay and conditions. The Army and the world were very different when the 1947 Tripartite Agreement, governing the recruitment of Gurkhas, was signed. with India. The Gurkhas, whose valour in war has earned them 26 VCs since 1815, were an essential element in the policing of the Empire: a force well able to adapt to tropical heat, terrorist insurgency or Asian conditions. There was little need for them to serve in Britain. Nor was much thought given to their comfort or family life (or indeed to that of any servicemen). Their pay and pensions were pegged to levels in the Indian Army so as not to undermine Indian recruitment. And their reintegration in Nepal on retire-

ment was no concern of the Army. The Empire has gone, recruitment has fallen and the flag has been hauled down over the Gurkha overseas base in Hong Kong. It is not from mere sentiment. however, that Britain still wants a place in the Army for these remarkable soldiers Their morale, motivation and unflinching bravery are as much in need as once was their reputation for ferocity and deadly handling of their kukris. The Army is again having difficulty with recruitment; and with continuing cases of racial bullying, the Gurkhas prestige and ability to sort out anyone minded to taunt them on grounds of race will do more than any instruction in racial sensitivity.

Gurkhas metivation, however, has been threatened by increasing anomalies over pay. To conform with the 1947 agreement, hasic raies remain low, supplement special allowances depending on conditions and location. Over the years these have produced puzzling disparities. The Government has now announced a standard rate, intended to align the income of Gurkhas with the take-home pay of British ranks. There is to be a general rise which will make almost all Gurkhas better off, except those based in Brunei. Such a reform is all the more urgent now that most Gurkhas are serving in Britain, in the same barracks and under the same conditions as Britons.

Providing married quarters - as in Hong Kong - is part of the deal to make conditions for Gurkhas no different from those for any Army recruit. There should never have been any quarrel about this: and ugly suspicions of racial discrimination were allowed to gain currency. What cannot be entertained is equal pension benefits: Gurkhas retiring will live not in Britain but in Nepal, where the cost of living is far lower. After Hong Kong, the Gurkhas may feel cold and uncomfortable in Britain. Yesterday's changes are intended to show that the welcome is as warm here as it was in the last garrison of the Empire.

#### **QUEEN LEAR**

#### The play's the thing wherein to catch a new angle on the king

A woman playing King Lear cracks the last theatrical taboo. This must have happened before, in amateur feminist productions and girls' schools. But Kathryn Hunter, interviewed on our arts pages today, will be the first woman to play Lear professionally. And for this she deserves sympathy as

well as cheers. For Lear is the hardest of all the great tragic parts, even for a man. And Ms Hunter is only five feet tall, so she will have to create the majesty of Shakespeare's mad old king with her presence rather than her stature. Her voice is certainly low. But in this part she must forget Lear's recommendation that a woman's voice should be ever soft and gentle as well. For she has to drown the hurricanoes and outroar her tigress daughters. But cormudgeon is an epithet applied exclusively to angry old men. The nearest female equivalents, "virago" and "old cow", sound comic not tragic words.

But at least she will play Lear as a man. So there will be no need to edit the script to. make Lear roar, "Come not between the shedragon and her wrath", and "You see me here, you gods, a poor old woman." But the tragedy, which runs on the relationship between father and daughters, and heiresses to are both chattels and betrayers of their husbands and lovers, will be given another

layer of complexity by a woman as king. It is not surprising that an actress wants to climb this Everest of tragic roles. After Lady Macbeth, Cleopatra and Volumnia, Shakespeare did not write many good parts for the older woman. And most of those, such as

Juliet's Nurse and Mistress Quickly, are comic supporting roles rather than tragic heroines. There are also precedents for reinterpreting Lear. Nahum Tate's version, with a happy ending in which Lear is restored to his throne, replaced Shakespeare for a century and a half. It is still sometimes revived as a historical curiosity. And Sarah Siddons was the first of many women to act Hamlet. Judith Anderson played him at the age of 73, making Hamlet the eternal student prince, suitably fat and scant of breath. And cross-dressing, with women being

mistaken for men, is a key plot in Shakespeare's repertoire. For even Viola alias Cesario and Rosalind as Ganymede were first played by boys acting as girls, dressing up for a spell as boys. Miranda and Isabella, Desdemona and Cordelia herself were all originally played by boys with unbroken voices and beardless chins. So actresses playing the men's parts redress the past, and add new angles and resonances to

the infinite variety of the old master. For King Lear itself is a volcano of pity and terror. It has elements traditionally associated with comedy. A jester comments on the action. The Fool himself was played by Sybil Thoradike in a wartime production. There is a double plot. Disguises thicken that plot. So King Lear is too complex to admit an easy or definitive production. Actors clamber around its peaks and precipices. But a woman as Lear offers a new route to the summit and an interesting new view for her audience from the top.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

#### 'Dumbing down' A-level standards

From Mr V. S. Anthony and Dr J. M. Moore

Sir. Your view [Dumbing down". leading article, February 12) that Mrs Shephard's planned reforms of postló education are "a comprehensive failure" will not be shared by those who were closely involved in presenting evidence to Sir Ron Dearing on ways in which improvements could be effected. Our principal objectives were to increase access, to keep up standards and to provide the means for broadening education at this level while ensuring students mastered the

marie skriks. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference has, for many years, wanted an intermediate examination or an AS level based on the first year of an A-level course. We have not seen this as likely to undermine the standards of A level, though it will enable those who would find a full Alevel course beyond them to gain some benefit from further study beyond

The key to success is to bring sufficient flexibility to the system under the reforms now proposed. It will remain possible for students to follow a traditional A-level programme while others will be able to offer a mixture of A and AS levels. The universities will have a large say, through entrance requirements, on which of these programmes will prove most popular.

Attitudes to the wisdom of accepting the modular approach vary, not least between subjects; but, if linear and modular syllabuses in any subject are to be the same, there will be as many teachers arguing that the modular approach keeps students working effectively throughout the course as there will be those who prefer a holistic endof-course examination.

While we would have preferred more time to implement them, most of the Shephard/Dearing reforms will be welcomed.

Yours faithfully V. S. ANTHONY (Secretary). J. M. MOORE (Chairman, Academic Policy Sub-Committee). The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, 130 Regent Road, Leicester.

From Mr K. J. Masters

Sir, Your leading article criticises the teaching of modular A levels. Is my last term's work on Measure for Measure any less meaningful for being examined when it is still alive and immediate than when it is examined a year later, when I shall have to fan the embers of my students'

Modules are not an easy way out. They encourage a continuous workrate over two years of A-level study rather than the frantic last-lap review. A level is, or should be, all about imparting skills, not the cramming and regurgitation of facts. Yours faithfully.

K. J. MASTERS. English Department, Scarisbrick Hall School, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

From Mr Costas P. Kleanthous Sir. Why do we need more than one

Examination Board for what are supposed to be national examinations of the same standard? Yours faithfully.

COSTAS P. KLEANTHOUS, Thatchways, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

#### Independence party

From Dr Richard North

Sir. Before claiming that the UK Independence Party (UKIP) provides me with an emotionally satisfying political home, Michael Gove (Time to pack up, Sir James", February 10) might have asked me why I joined the party and am standing in the Wirral South by-election. I found that the UKIP, uniquely amongst our political parties, offered an intellectually consistent message, which made it attractive as a political home.

As to the "simple platform" to which he refers. I, in common with some 300 UKIP prospective parliamentary candidates, stand on the "twin track" platform of immediate withdrawal from the EU and the reconstruction of parliamentary democracy in the UK.

This platform is far from simple, and involves, inter alia, the complex and intellectually stimulating process of creating policies which will enable the UK to forge ahead as a prosperous, independent nation, once it is released from the shackles of the Byzantine empire which is the EU.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD NORTH. Croft Mill, Sharp Street, Wibsey, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

#### Second time around

From Commander R. S. Stevenson RN (retd)

Sir, Surely the idea of renewing a vow which has been made "till death us do part" (report, February 8) is superfluous and only serves to devalue the original pledge.

Yours sincerely, RONALD STEVENSON. Ling Garth. Low Row. Richmond, North Yorkshire. February 9.

#### Justice in mandatory sentences

or in many other cases (such as the

example I gave in my letter of February 3) which might be thought by

My point was not to criticise these

stringent provisions, but merely to

contrast them with the objections now

being raised "in principle" to manda-

tory sentences for reconviction of

If the judiciary believe that a mini-

mum sentence of three years' impris-

onment imposed, for instance, on an

adult for a third conviction of house

burgiary would be "quite clearly

unjust" in "a significant number of

cases", as is implied by Lord Donald-

son, I fear they must be out of touch

Sir. The interference with liberty in-

flicted by a period of disqualification

from driving bears no comparison

with the loss of liberty that results

from a prison sentence. Fairness

therefore demands that each individ-

ual case is judged on its own particu-

Even third and fourth offences of

burglary may vary enormously in ser-

iousness as between different offend-

ers in different circumstances. As the

Attorney-General is reported as say-

ing (Law, February II): "Judges are

now very aware what is the proper

range within which they should sen-

tence. They are thinking about it more

True, a mandatory sentence of life

imprisonment exists in respect of the

offence of murder (a situation that has

itself been the subject of much in-

formed criticism in recent years), but

even in that situation there is, in effect,

the power to mitigate the penalty by

releasing the prisoner once he has

served the period fixed as the punitive element (which is done by taking ac-

count of the individual circumstances

of the offence) and once it is deter-

mined that he does not present a con-

tinuing risk to the community.

carefully than ten years ago."

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West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent.

some of the most serious crimes.

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with public opinion.

From Mr James Turner

Yours faithfully,

The Hall,

February 14.

JOSEPH DEAN,

From Lord Derwent

Sir. Perhaps I may explain why some of us who in principle greatly dislike the idea of mandatory minimum sentences (letters, February 3, 5, 11) nevertheless supported the Government in the House of Lords on February 13 on this issue.

The maximum sentence for burglary is 14 years' imprisonment. As was pointed out in vesterday's debate by Lady Blatch, Minister of State at the Home Office, 4,400 people were sentenced for domestic burglary in the Crown Courts in 1995. Of these only 179 were sentenced to more than three years and only 14 to more than five

In other words, Parliament's decision that the range of sentencing should be up to 14 years has been re-placed by the judges imposing their own range of up to three years in most cases. There are many examples of this belief by the judges that their view is to be preferred to that of Parliament.

If the judges are outraged at any ilmitation on their discretion it must also be said that many members of the public are equally outraged by the way this discretion has been exercised in recent years.

Yours faithfully. DERWENT, House of Lands. February 14.

#### From His Honour Joseph Dean

Sir, With all respect to Lord Donaldson of Lymington (letter, February 5) and Mr Robert Milsom (February II) "the right to drive a motor vehicle" is not "a privilege". It derives from the ancient, common law right to come and go along the public highway. The exercise of that right is regu-

lated by the Road Traffic Acts. Similarly the right to personal liberty is subject to the criminal law and Criminal Justice Acts. Disqualification from driving involves the "curtailment" of a right, as of course does a sentence of imprisonment.

In reply to Mr Ian Cook (letter, February II), while the Road Traffic Act Offenders Act 1988 does indeed contain a discretionary exemption for special reasons" from the mandatory disqualification, these words have been interpreted by the Court of Appeal so as to exclude any question of hardship on the driver or his family.

impossible to admit.

Yours faithfully.

Temple, EC4.

February II.

JAMES TURNER.

I King's Bench Walk.

From Mr Desmond J. Keenan Sir. Many voices on the nationalist

side are asi nor a new in the so-called "Bloody Sunday" killings of January 30, 1972 (letters, February 3, 5). Are they looking for a genuine inquiry or are they looking for a witchhunt

The Widgery report, published in the following April, concluded that the soldiers fired after having been fired on, or thought they were being fired on. This was and is the most reasonable explanation. Yet it is rejected by the nationalists a priori for two reasons. The first is that it is incompatible with the mythology of Irish nationalism, which insists that the guilty British always attack the innocent Irish without cause. The other is that if a republican fired the first shot he is responsible for the deaths, which is

**Bloody Sunday inquiry** Any genuine inquiry must begin with identifying who fired the first shot. Yet any inquiries among the nationalists in this direction will be met with a wall of slience.

Hence what the nationalists are calling for is a witchhunt, the "smelling out" of the guilty British. As the Prime Minister said, if anyone has any definite information on this point let him give it to the police. But I suspect the police will wait a long time.

Lord Widgery, incidentally, was highly critical of some of the paratroopers saying that they had fired recklessly and irresponsibly. Beyond that no firm evidence of a policy of "shoot to kill" has ever been produced.

Yours sincerely. DES KEENAN. 314 Redcliffe Walk, Chalk Hill Road, Wembley Park, Middlesex. February 11.

#### Hospital nutrition

From Professor Emeritus J. E. Lennard-Jones

Sir, Doctors and nurses do indeed work hard for patients, but nutrition tends to be neglected because food is regarded as part of routine care and not as an important aspect of treatment (Medical briefing, February 4: see also report, February 3).

Malnurition is a complication of serious illness and not its inevitable consequence. Loss of more than onetenth of body weight leads to loss of muscle strength, fatigue, apathy, depression, immobility and reduced resistance to infection. Florence Nightingale recognised that starvation is possible in the midst of plenty; current concern shows that this is still true: A positive approach to nutrition as treatment needs acceptance, as empha-sised in a report published in January 1992 by the King's Fund Centre.

Doctors and nurses often do not recognise undernutrition because they are not trained to look for it and do not recognise the benefits of treating it. In

1995, 454 ward nurses and 319 junior doctors in 70 hospitals were surveyed about the last patient they had interviewed on admission to hospital (Clinical Nutrition, volume 14, December 1995). Approximately one-third had asked no question about recent food intake or weight loss, often because they regarded such inquiry as unimportant. On the contrary, these two brief questions can alert the ward staff to possible undernutrition.

Two simple measurements, body weight and height, can provide objective evidence of nutritional status and base line for subsequent change. Once undernutrition is recognised or anticipated, its treatment or prevention should rank high in the care plan. The problem is not that suitable food and supplements are unavailable but that they need to get to and into

the patient. Yours faithfully. JOHN LENNARD-JONES

(President, British Digestive Foundation), 72 Cumberland Street. Woodbridge, Suffolk.

#### Art in action

From Mr Roy Knowles

Sir. I am in awe of Yukinori Yanagi's perseverance and resilience against boredom during his six days of tracking ants with a pen (report, February 13). The Chisenhale Gallery may be interested in my dining-room carpet. It hears a muddy trail of footprints, left by my dog in person, thereby free-ing the middleman for alternative recreation.

The carpet could be said to symbolise the frailty of social controls between cohabiting species, and may thus be suitable for exhibiting as the annithesis of Mr Yanagi's symbolism of "social controls in society".

Yours sincerely. ROY KNOWLES. 15 Chapel Lane, Cronton, Widnes, Cheshire.

#### Virtual shopping

From Mr T. W. E. Corbett

Sir. My wife enjoys shopping from time to time. "looking in more than one place, sometimes for hours at a time, quite often without buying a single thing" (The sensual art of shopping for clothes". February 12).

Far from considering her "actually mad", I consider myself exceedingly fortunate. Yours sincerely.

TIM CORBETT. The Dower House. Longnor, Shropshire. February 12

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#### New staff college to be 'envy of all'

From Brigadier Charles McBean (reid)

Sir, Contrary to the opinions expressed by Field Marshal Stanier (letter, February 101 the decision to locate the new Joint Staff College at Shrivenham in Oxfordshire is one of the most significant decisions of the post-Cold War era and one which is to be warmly applauded. It has a boldness and imagination worthy of our greatest

military commanders. By concentrating the expertise of all three staff colleges on the site of the existing Royal Military College of Science (where half of Army staff training already takes place), it will create a unique and unrivalled concentration of military knowledge and expertise. Not only does the decision accord with one of the fundamental principles of war, namely the concentration of force, it will also provide the opportunity to create a world-class institu-

tion which will be the envy of all. The staff college building at Camberley is no "treasure". Although out-wardly imposing, it has linle architectural merit and the instructional accommodation is more "sink school" than staff college, it cannot accommo-

date students of all three Services. Far from feeling unloved, I suspect that the majority of our officers and those who instruct them will be honoured by such a considerable investment in their professional education and advancement.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES MCBEAN. Cavalry and Guards Club. 127 Piccadilly, Wt. February II.

From Professor Lawrence Freedman

Sir, I can reassure Mr John Parfitt (letter, February 10) that academic support from King's College London for the new Joint Stall College will not simply arrive via the 9am from Paddington. A dedicated department of experienced staff will be based at the

The Department of War Studies has been involved closely in military education for a number of years, and has run a highly-regarded MA for the individual Service staff colleges. Officers have been given access to top ex-perts in all areas of international relations and defence studies from a department that recently obtained the highest rating (five-star) in the Higher Education Funding Council's re-

search assessment exercise.
In addition, the teaching at both the interim and final versions of the staff college will depend to a great extent on staff from the Department of History and International Affairs at Greenwich. We have a long association with this department, going back to Sir John Laughton who taught at both Greenwich and King's at the turn of the century, and the working relationship continues to be extremely close.

Yours sincerely, LAWRENCE FREEDMAN. King's College London. Department of War Studies. Strand, WCZ. February 10.

#### Surname usage

From the Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge

Sir, Some years ago, on a choir tour in the USA, my wife, travelling as assistant matron, was asked by a young chorister: "Mrs Cleobury, why do you call us by our Christian names, while Mr Cleobury uses our surnames?"

I changed my outmoded practice (letters, February 8) there and then and have not regretted it until this year, when the presence of no fewer than six Edwards in the choir has caused some practical problems. Any Edwards applying for our

forthcoming auditions should be assured, however, that they will suffer no discrimination. Yours faithfully. STEPHEN CLEOBURY.

King's College, Cambridge. February 12

From Mr Richard Scrivener Sir, Mr G. A. A. Scriven (letter,

February 8) questions the prevalence of certain "colour" surnames and the absence of others. English surnames are broadly derivative of past occupation or office -

as is his own, and indeed mine - per-

sonal description or place of origin. Hence Black and Brown signify complexion or hair colour, while Green denotes a dweller by that place. He may care to consider several surnames I have encountered -

Eighteen. Gotobed and Puddinglat.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD SCRIVENER. St Marks.

Buttsway, Milverton, Somerset.

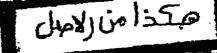
#### Till later?

From Mr Robert Tucker

Sir. Sign displayed at an attended but closed customer service position, spotted whilst queueing recently at a building society in the City: "Cashier balancing".

is this the banking equivalent of leaves on the track? Yours faithfully.

ROBERT D. TUCKER, Rubicon, off Howards Lane. Rowtown, Surrey. February 14.





#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Reception for Sportsmen and Women at Buckingham

The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, and The Duke and Duchess of ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 17: The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, this morning visited the 1st Battalion at Lydd, Kent, to observe the Battal-

His Royal Highness. President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this afternoon visued the Commonwork Land Trust, Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Kent. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 17: Princes Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir

ation, will visit a shop at Unit 4.

Winslade Way, Catford, at 2.20; and, as Parron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Su-reaux, will visit the Eltham Bu-

reau, 1st Floor, The Library,

Eitham, at 3.00.

Today's royal

#### Memorial service Captain Neville Crump

Angus Ogilvy, today undertook engagements in Hong Kong. Her Royal Highness, Honorary Commandant General, this morn-

ing attended a Reception at the Headquarters of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force and opened the new Arsenal House West Wing.

Princess Alexandra sub-

sequently toured the Ballistics and Firearms identification Bureau, the Computer Assisted Fingerprint Identification System and the Commercial Crime Bureau.

This afternoon Her Royal High-ness attended a Reception for civilian staff at the Royal Hong Kong Police Sports and Recreation

Princess Alexandra later na-tended a performance of "A Mid-summer Night's dream" by the

Royal Shakespeare Company at the Academy for Performing Arts.

engagements A memorial service for Captain The Queen will hold an investitum at Buckingham Palace at 11,00. Neville Franklin Crump, race-horse trainer, was held yesterday at the Church of St Mary and St Alkelda's, Middleham, The Rev The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Northwood Headquarters, Mid-diesex, at 11.00; and will visit the D.W. Eyles officiated. John Lyon School, Middle Road.

Hong Kong

Mr Jeremy Morrogh-Ryan read the lesson and Mr Christopher Walker, grandson, read a poem. Mr Michael Bannister gave an The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit the Greenwich centre, Unit A. Macbean Centre Macbean Street, SEI8, at 12.30; as Patron of Sense - The National Dealblind and Rubella Associ-Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Terry Waite was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

#### Today's birthdays

Mr Rob Andrew, rugby player, 34; Mr M Angent, Chief Constable, North Wales, 52; Mr Michael Buerk, broadcaster, 51; Miss Phylbuers, broadcaster, 31; wiss Priyi-lis Calvert, actress, 82: Mr José Maria Canibares, golfer, 50; Miss Jean E. Cooke, painter, 70; Miss Sinead Cusack, actress, 49; Mr Roy Dean, diplomat, 70; Mr Phillip DeFreitas, cricketer, 31; Mr Len Deighton, author, 68; Lleuten-ant-General Sir Domald Dunstan, 74; Professor E.G. Edwards, for-mer Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 83; Mr Milos Forman, film director, to: Sir Charles Frossard, former Balliff of Guernsey, 75; Sir Eric Gairy, former Prime Minister of Grenada. 75: Mr
Graeme Garden, actor and comedian, 54; Miss Tessa Hilton, Deputy Editor, The Express, 46: Dr

Ned Shertin, producer, director and comedian, style and title of Baron Bagri, of Regent's Park in the City of Westminster.

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J.C. Houston, former Dean, United Medical and Dental Schools, Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital S0; Mr Colin Jackson, amice, 30; Sir Peter Laurence, diplomat. 74; Miss Prue Leith, cookery writer and caterer, 57; Sir Michael Lickias, accountant. 63; Mr Peter Line MP 22

Luff, MP. 42.
Professor William McKane, FBA,
former Principal, St Mary's College, St Andrews University, 76; Str. Arthur Norman, former chair-man, World Wide Fund for Nature, UK, Str. Lord Paul, 6b: Mr Bobby Robson, former manager. England football team, 64; Miss Cybill Shepherd, actress, 47; Mr

#### **Dinners**

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Westminster City Hall. Among those present were:

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The Ambassador of Nicaragua and
Mr Juillo Gómez, the Polish
Ambassador and Mrs Stemplowsko.
Lady de Waal, Sir Robert and Lady
Scott, Lady Stemplory, Air ViceMurjual Michael Dicken, Mr Harvey
Goldsmith, Mr Terence Maillinson
and Councilior Mrs Anne Maillinson, Mr and Mrs William Alexander.
Mr David Amess, MP, Mr Lionel
Altman, Professor and Mrs Colin
Blakemore, Mr and Mrs David Croft,
Miss Penny Daly, Mr and Mrs Henry
Davis, Councilior Angela Hooper,
Mr Stanley Martin, Mr and Mrs Greg
Malgaard, Mr and Mrs Colin
Redman, Miss Jane Rick, Chief
Constable D G Gunn, Assistant
Commissioner Anthony Speed, Mr
Robin Squire, MP, Ms Lz Spencer,
Mr Andrew Tansley, Mr and Mrs Neil
Torrance, Mr David Weich, and Mrs
Virginia Whybrow.
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and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Lord Woolf, Mr L.M. Burns and Professor Richard Susskind were

The Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor J.R. Philips and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr R.P.V. Rees, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last Club at the Park Floka, Caroni usa night. The guest speaker was the Hon Peter Jay, BBC News and Current Affairs. Sir Idwal Pugh, President, Cardiff Business Club,

#### Service dinner

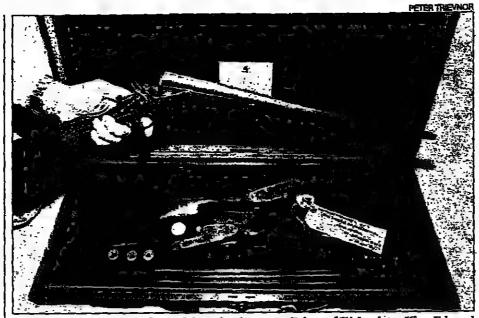
71st Yeomany Signal Regiment Colonel the Earl of Limerick presided at the annual dinner of the 71st Yeomany Signal Regi-ment Officers Dining Club held last night at the Cavatry and Guards Club. Vice-Admiral Sir Guards Chib. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, Master of the Drapers' Company, was the guest of honolor. Lieutenant-Colonel R.K. Wilkinson, Regimental Commanding Officer, and Major the Hon C.R. Builey and Major-General T.A. Richardson were among the guests.

#### Luncheon

Rotary Club of London Mr Bill Cowers, President of the Rotary Chub of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Alexander Borg Olivier, Director of the United Nations Office, and Mr Neville Shulman

#### Baron Bagri

The life barony conferred upon Mr



Guns made by James Purdey and Sons for the young Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, are among modern and vintage sporting guns and rifles to be sold at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, tomorrow. At the top is a small gun made for the Prince in 1899 when he was five, which is expected to make between £30,000 and £50,000. In the case are a pair of 16-bore self-opening sidelock ejector guns, built in 1909 and 1912 for the Prince. He sold them in 1932. for £150. Their estimated sale price is £85,000 to £95,000

The Mata Menge finds have

years old, and if so may be the

work of an archaic form of

human rather than the mod-

em subspecies so far known

In Europe, Homo erectus

has left many sites and stone

tools; recently the Atapuerca

site in Spain was pushed back to 900,000 years ago, and last

week Professor Clive Gamble

told an English Heritage con-

ference that four other sites,

including Orce in southern

Spain, could plausibly be 1.5 to

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origins in Africa is across the

Strait of Gibraltan even at the

height of the Ice Age this was

never closed, so that any

hominids entering Europe

would have had to use rafts or

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the world away at Mata

Menge suggest that this was possible.

The most direct route into

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#### Did man sail the seas 750,000 years ago?

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent 55-mile gap from Timor to the

THE earliest evidence yet of ancient seafaring has emerged Pleistocene coastline of Australia would have been equally from excavations in Indonesia. Stone tools have been found in layers dating from shortly after 730,000 years ago potential repercussions on both sides of the world: in on the island of Flores. northern Australia the Jimmium site has recently been claimed to be 116,000 What is significant is that

Flores lies in the string of islands between Bali and Ti-mor that leads towards New Guinea and northern Australia. Even when Ice Age sea levels were at their lowest, a strait some 15 miles wide divided Bali from the neighbouring island of Lombok. The claim that humans

reached Flores nearly three quarters of a million years ago is based on palaeomagnetic dating from the site of Mata Menge, Dr G. Van den Bergh, and his colleagues found remains of the elephant-like Stegodon, apparently with stone flake tools, just above a layer where the earth's magnetic field reversed around

730,000 years ago.
Describing their claim as "controversial", Professor Peter Bellwood, a leading authority on Pacific region archaeology, said that if it received further support "we will have to allow for the possibility that even Homo

#### Anniversaries BIRTHS: Queen Mary I, reigned

153-58. Greenwich, 1516; Caunt Alessandro Volta, physicist, Como, Italy, 1743; Marshall Hall, phy-sician, Basford, Nottinghamshire, sician, Bastord, Notinghamshire, 1790; George Peabody, American philanthropist, South Danvers, Massachusents, 1795; Ramakrishna, Hindu mystic, Hooghly, Bengal, 1836; Tom Walls, actorproducer, Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire, 1883; Andrés Segovia, guitarist, Linares, Spain, 1894; Enzo Ferrari, racing carmanufacturer, Modena, 1898. DEATHS: Martin Lutter, Prot-DEATHS: Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, Eisleben, Germany, 1546; Michelangelo Buonarroti, sculpur, painter and poet, Rome, 1504; James Corbert (Gentleman Jim), World heavy-weight boxing champion 1872-97, New York, 1933; Robert Oppensions, physician and physician and physicians.

heimer, physicist and ploneer of the atom bomb, Princeton, New lersey, 1967. John Busyan's Pilgrim's Progress was published, 1678. The planet Ploto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory, America, 1930.

#### Greenwich Foundation

The following are Trustees of the Greenwich Roundation for the Royal Naval College: Sir Angus Stirling chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Buthurst, Sir Franklin Berman, Sir David Cooksey, Councillor Len Duvall, Leader of the London Borough of Greenwich, Professor

Thomas Kempner, Richard MacCormac, Margaret Richard-son and Christopher Swinson. The foundation will take respon-

## marriages

Forthcoming

Mr J.P.M. Benton Jones and Miss L.A. Briggs The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Sir Simon Benton Jones, Bt, and Lady Benton Jones, of Irnham Hall.

Lincolnshire, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Briggs, of Blackwell Farm, Lati-mer, Buckinghamshire. Mr P.A. Owen.

and Miss V.M.L. Thomas

The engagement is autoomeed between Philip, only son of Mr Victor Owen. of Great Crosby. Liverpool, and Mrs Barbara Clements, of Pendbury, Tumbridge Wells, and Victoria, eldest daugh-ter of Admiral Sir Richard and

Lady Thomas, of Emsworth,

Mr A.N. Altink and Miss M.A. Minto

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Jan Altink, of Gex. France, and Michele, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Minto, of Bynsham, Mr M.D. Brookes

and Miss R.D. Beaust The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Bill Brokes, of Harrow, London, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Bennett, of Belfast. Mr A. Lillocal

and Miss P.J. Holme The engagement is announced between Mr Atherton Lilford, of Myuramachena, Guruve, Zim-habwe, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.R. Holme, of and Miss S.J. Billington

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs E.R. Davies, of Welshpool. Powys, and Jayne, only daughter of Mr J.F. Billington, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Mrs J.M. Billington, of Hagley.

Mr M.J. King and Miss Z.D. Holden

The engagement is announced today, the Zist birthday of Zoe Holden, of Holloway, London N7. to Michael King, of Enfield, Middle Mr D.A. Parkin-Moore

and Miss M.C. Cleal Harding The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr Villiam Parkin-Moore and of Mrs Susan Parkin-Moore, of London, and Moira, daughter of Mr and Mrs LJ. Cleall-Harding, of Guildford.

Mr W.H. Pitman and Miss C.M. Howorth The engagement is unnounced between William, son of Lieuten-

ant Colonel Hugh Pinnan and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, both of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Howorth, of Cobham, Mr S.G.D. Thompson and Miss K.L. Wilford

The engagement is amounteed between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thompson, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nick Wilford, of Swepstone,

#### University news

Trinity College
The following members of the college have been awarded scholarships and prizes: Hillary Scholarship in History: David Towsey.

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Wyait Rushion Scholarship in
History: Gareth James.
Henniker Scholarship in Mathematics Davyl Nogee.
Classwick Scholarship in Modern Language: Rosemary Akerman.
Louise Goulding Timothy Dobbs.
Millard Scholarship in Physica Adam Capewell.
Woodruff Scholarship in Philosophy and Theology: Ben Gilbert.
Millard Exhibition in Chemistry:
Rosemary Allen.
Millard Exhibitions in Engineering Science James Cross. Alex
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Wyan Rushton Exhibition in Law:
Nathan Tamblyn.

Slakiston Exhibition in Liberae
Humaniorer: Daniel Griffiths. Henniker Exhibition in Mathematic: Osama Arakawa.
Milant Exhibitions in Meniliusy and Science of Materials: Philippa ne Pliche

Millard Exhibitions in Physics Johann Broomfield, Crais Wijekoon de Silva. Chadwick Exhibition Helen Callaghan. Woodruff Exhibitions Philosophy and Theology: Dyson, Benjamin West

Graduate Scholarships: Daron Burrows, Paul Hayton, Hanan Lamium, Shannon McKellar. Knox Memorial Priza: Michelle Clayton, Gan Yu-Hin, Christopher Insole, Kerry Ridd, Catherine Sykes.

Bellot Prize: Dipa Vadher.

Graduate Prize: Gint Apals, Timothy Fishlock, Paula Hughes, Royce Mahawarte, Simon Mershall, Peur Richens, Grant Ritchie, Allson Thompson, Michael Westbe. For a First Class in the Miuris: Georgios Petrochilos. Georgios Petrochilos.

got a Distinction in the MSt in Research Methods in English: Gregg Hurwitz.

For First in Final Honours School: Elizabeth Allison, Martin Bavinton, His-Halen Chew, Michelle Clayton, Philip Ember, Catherine Emerson, Gan Yu-Fin, Manthew Orsen, Miranda Higgins, Christopher Insole, Kerry Kidd. Michael Peel, Kay Richley, Alan Brachen, Catherine Steel, Ray Stuckley, Alan Brachen, Catherine Sylves, Santi

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are proud to amounce the birth of their second barufful despher, Bethany Eate, a loving sister for Charlotte. A special thanks to Jenny Tunstell, Catherine charlotte. A special transport to Jenny Tunstail, Catherine to Jenny Tunstail, Catherine to Jenny Green at the Liverpool Women's Hospital for their experiments and Tunk to Salife (née Ferrier) and Tink a son, Fergus Wesson Campbell,

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STEELE - On February 11th at

TAYLOR - On February 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Kim and Tim, twin 2002, Deniel Robert and Charles Alexander.

February, to Philippa and Nicholas, a son, Oliver Henry.

WOOLFORD - On February 17th, to Emily (nee Basrison) and Derek, a damner Reptie.

SCHMEIDER - On February 14th at The Portland Hospital to Dizze and Mike, joshua, joins his hothers, Justin and Jacob on our adventure in England.

to Elizabeth (not Belley) and Paul, a son, Harry Edward George, a brother for Sophie.

WARRES - On February 14th, to Nikki and Trever, a daughter, Phoebe Eleanor Grand Congression and thanks from proud

WHITEREAD - Robin and Louise (nee Swallow) are conjoyed with the survai of their most special draghter Rossana (Boste) on February 12th, Our love forever to

WILLIAMSON - On 15th

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FUARS - Or. David Betward.
The hundreds of cards and
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support exceeds to a make
the belonged to David. I thunk
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be beld on Saruday April
19th at 11.20 are at Gener St
Mary's Church, Candidge.
God Bless you all for your
concern and care, janet.

ALEXANDER - Valorie on Rebrusry 10th, peacefully in her sleep. Service at St. Mary's Church, Weston D. Turville, bucks, et 2 pm on Friday Pobrusry 21st. R. Flowers, or donations if wished to Action Alé or Amnesty International de E.Y. Green. 29 Cambridge Street. Avisaburg. Bucks for

ALLEY - Rose (nie Webster)
suddenly on 11th February
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Williaging, partially, widow of it. Gen. Sir Philip Balfout, very peacefully in her element of Harpes House on Friday 14th February 1997. Femily cremation at Salisbury on Tunsday 25th February at 11.40 am; family flowers only, please. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 25th February at Bary Church at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to SAFA through Bracher Box. Gillingkan, borset SFE

BARYON - Kim Andrew Michael, died peacefully en February 14th aged 81. Bayesed brainage of the late Paniline, father of Erbs and David. Commetters at 740 ag

on February 21st at BEASLEY - Mary, wife of the
Eav. B. Beasley ORE EN, on
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Mother, grandingther and
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2.15 pm Friday February
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Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, for
Children's Society c/o J.
Stuart Undertaker, Cautle
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CARTER - Tembi (née Crostield-Villieux) on 14th February, Baloved mother of Tengo and Sen. Funcal at Eltham Crématorium on 25th February at 4 pm.

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Donations in Hen to
BACCUP. e/o St James
Funeral Home, 31 St James
Gardens, Swansan Sal 6DT.

DAVIES - On Felguary 14th 1997, suddenly, Michael John sged 53 years, Solicitur, of Tinciston, Dorset Dear husband of Susan and som of Doris. Funeral Service on Monday 24th February at St Many's Chunch, Edward Rood, Dorchester at 2 pm followed by pulyate cremention. Family flowers only please but donations it desired for the Erinch Heart Foundation of Grassby Punesal Service, 16 Frinces Street, Derchester, Donate DT1 1TW. Tel: (01305) 262233.

pr died peacefully on February 13th aged 85 years. Dur he hand of hunts and loving father of Judith, Entherine and the late Geoffer, Funest Service at Wesley Methodist Church, Righ Wycombe, Sucks. on February 28th at lun, followed by cremation at 2pm at the Chitterna Crematerium, Amersham, Bucks. No flowers but donations to Harwood House MR. Condons run do Stuart Frice Funeral Service, 13 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 SER.

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EMERY - Dr. Ealph Emery,
beloved husband of Ellen,
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father to Revelyn, Patricia,
America, Donald and David,
grandfather to 13 and
amentor to many, died
peacefully in his sleep on
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Cremation to take place on
21st February at 11 am at
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Relief c/o Eobert Ayling
Fomeral Services, 25 South
Road, Guildford, GUZ 6NY,
tel: (01483) 567333.

EMEVER - Rose Mandalene

MEVER - Rose Magdelene Alice (nee Curacck), Born 2nd June 1905 died 7th February 1997. Funsal will be held at St James's Parish Church, Rowledge, hr. Farnham, Friday 21st February 1997 at 2 pm.

FORD - Alan Matthew on February 8th 1997. To a great brother and uncle who will be sadly missed, love Heart, Debbie, Katle and Michael

Michael

FREMAN Into, died peacetully en 17th February 1997, aged 69, after a short illness bravely borne. Beloved wife of David, deeply loved and mounted by Michael, Bulkete, Chan, Michael, Tanla, and her nine grandchildren, and by her brother Maurica, and Bila, Dalya and Joseph Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Wednesday 19th February 1997. 19th February 1997.
GEDGE - Imagen peacefully on February 14th. Much loved wife of Reay for almost 59 years and greetly mined by her close-kair family. Funeral at St Columba's Chuch, Pont Steet, London SWI on Tuesday February 25th at 3.30 pm. Frivete cremation at Mortiake Cremation at Mortiake Crematorium on Wednesday February 25th at 11 am. Enquiries to Kenyons, tek (0171) 834-4624.

GRESARD - On February 12th in The John Endeliffs Hospital, Oxford, Mark Gibbard SSE Priest, in the 87th year of his age Funszal Requiem at All Saints Convent, St. Mary's Road, Oxford on Thursday 20th February at 11.30 am followed by interment at Rose Hill Cametury.

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MAGGAND - On February 12th
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HAYWARD - joyce Helena, on February 17th at home. Releved mother of Authors and her grandchildren Nicholas, jestica, Nhan Shoon, Enman and Jenemy. Crumation will be private and a Memorial Service will be arranged. Donations if desired to rumiture History Society Impum Pand clo Kanyun, 49 Mizzion Rand, London Wil GLA.

beffired - On February 14th 1997 peacefully at home in Loddington Letes, following a stroke, John Gerard Herring aged 70 years. Seloved husband of Dison (Bunty), loving father of David and jane and the late Rebecta and a devoted grandfather. Fundral Service at Woking Crematorium Friday 21sr February at 11,30 am Further enquiries to Ginns & Gutterldge Funeral Directors, 51 Yaughan Way, Letester, let (0116) 2516117.

HORLER - Edward Christopher, born 22nd Jamary 1917, died in Oslo on 18th february 1997. With love and gnattends from his wife first Bergendehl, his children Olga, Philippa, Frederick, Robert, Brilippa, Irwes and Magnus, and his many grandchildren. Arrangements for his feneral in Kent to be announced later.

HOOD - Robert (Bob), lately of Lee Park, London StiO, beloved som of Eose and the late Town, passed away pesseduly following a short illness at The Eoyal Pres Bospital, London Service to be held on Thursday 20th February at 11.30 am at Lewisham Crematorium, gathering after at The Eromicy Court Hotel. Flowers and domations to Kellaways Funeral Service Ltd., 104 Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, SEZZ, teli (0181) 653-2898 by 5 pm Weineaday 19th February.

SHEKERSON - Paricia Diane, only child of the late Air Commodors Patrick Huskinson CBS MC and bar and of his first wife Ada Mary Selina Gentorse (née Dunnehy), peacefully on Friday 14th February et house in Springfield, Rarley, Royston, aged 75 after a long illnets bravely borne, Requiam Mass will be calciumed at St. Thomse's Casholic Church, Royston, on Friday 26th February at 10:30 am. No flowers, but domations if destruct to Wood Green Amimal Shalter.

Buckhouse Son, Bunkongue, Wetherby, West Tooks.

MACLAREM - Ian Gernett peacefully at his home on 16th Rebrusry 1997. Deanly loved husband of Annetts, father of Robert, Hamish, Simon and Sue and grandfisher. Requiem Mass has john's Chunch, Castle Douglas on Thursday 20th February at 10 am. Thereafter interment in Anworth Churchyard Family Rowers unity ELP.

MALOREY - Patricta Anne peacefully on February 16th 1997. Widow of Michael, beloved mother of Susan, Selly and Sanchia, Funent at St Thomas Beckett B.C. Church, Tarporisy, Cheshire on Thursday February 20th at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. All enquiries to (01829) 733808.

McGRATH - Peacefully at home on 16th February 1997. Peter, beloved husband of Cacilia, loving father of John Peul and Angela Roriffied by rites of Hoty Church, ELP. Secrepton and vigit at St Leomands 2C Church, Rest Kilbride tomeorne Wachesday 19th February at 7 pm. Funeral Mass Thursday 20th February at 10 am shewafar to Philipshill Comeenry at 1.116am appoor.

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MORANT - John aged 89 peacefully on Schrouzy 15th. Widower of Margaret and Margaretic (Lailie). Huch loved father and grandfather Funeral Service at 11 am, February 20th at 5t Nicholas Church, Brockenhurat. Family Cowes only, but donations it desired to Injured Jockey's Fund, FO Box 9, Newspaker, Squidols.

OLDHAM: John Deamond (F/Lt.) Suffolk.

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## RAYMOND COXON

Raymond Coxon, arrist, died on January 31 aged 100. He was born on August 18, 1896.

aymond Coxon was an accomplished and intelligent artist with strong sense of idependence. Among his iends and art-school contemoraries were Henry Moore, arbara Hepworth, Edward 'awden and Eric Ravilious. Villiam Rothenstein was one I his teachers, John Piper one f his pupils. But though coxon showed work in several roup exhibitions of the 1920s and 1930s, he refused throughat his long career to align umself with any prevailing rend or school. The difficulty of classifying his searching diosyncratic vision - and the act that he was overshadowed ry associates who included ome of the dominant figures n 20th-century British art nay help to explain why he ecrived less recognition than ne deserved. Coxon was a skilful

fraughtsman, who saw drawng as the foundation of all trustic expression; he was also a refined yet sensuous colourst. He had some success as a painter of vividly characterful portraits, with a formidable doth-capped study of Jacob Epstein (1948) among his best achievements. But his real inspiration was outdoors in nature, whether the rugged landscapes of Yorkshire, the wildness of North Wales or the majesty of the Grand Canyon: in his later work he channelled the forms and forces of the natural world into some powerfully rhythmic abstract

Raymond Coxon was born in Stoke-on-Trent and grew up in the Staffordshire countryside in Rudyard. He was educated at Leek High School, where he showed a precocious talent for drawing, and went on to Leek School of Art. He remained there until 1916. when he joined the cavalry (18/20 Hussars). He was later seconded to the Machine Gun Corps and served in Palestine under Allenby. He recorded the war in tiny sketches which

he posted to his mother. One of the few from his regiment to survive, on his return to England he worked with determination and ener-

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Works such as Blue Bird (1968) show Raymond Coxon's draughtsmanship and his fascination with nature

gy to "get better" at drawing and painting. Enrolling at Leeds School of Art he formed firm friendships with Henry Moore, Edna Ginesi ("Gin", his future wife) and Barbara Hepworth. The drawing department at Leeds had a reputation for the highest standards, enabling many of its students to qualify for the Royal College of Art in London, as Coxon and his friends did in 1921.

At the Royal College, Moore and Hepworth went to the sculpture school, while Cotton and Ginesi studied painting. Their fellow students were an unusually talented group, including Edward Bawden, Eric Ravilious, Douglas Percy Bliss and Barnett Preedman.

Sir William Rothenstein, the college principal, ambitious to educate artists and not just teachers of art, employed an avant-garde sculptor to teach life drawing; Leon Underwood's memorable and invigorating classes so impress Coxon. Moore and the others that they attended evening

classes privately as well. Here they met other young artists, such as Gertrude Hermes and Blair Hughes Stanton.

Rothenstein was then working on his series of portrait drawings and introduced Coxon and other students to some of his subjects, who were among the leading figures of the time. That generosity and his encouragement was an inspiration to Coxon and Ginesi when they in turn, as teachers at Chelsea, entertained students, artists and illustrious friends at their Boat Race parties.

They took advantage of all that London had to offer in terms of seeing art, admiring especially the so-called primi tive work in the British Muse um. Cézanne's work, which Coxon had admired since reading Roger Fry's Vision and Design while at Leeds, was known from reproductions; groups of friends made trips to Paris to see the paintings themselves. This fusion of influence and

study, combined with the per-

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sonal maturity that came from having served in the First World War, resulted in Counn's case in some assured early work - serene, some-times lush, Yorkshire landscapes, a little Cézannesque in manner; and a bold and striking figure-drawing style. Coxon gained his diploma and was considered a great talent among his RCA contemporar-

In 1925 he took a part-time teaching job at Richmond College of Art. He met and taught John Piper, who was recommended to improve his life drawing by studying with Coxon. In 1926 Coxon and Ginesi were married, with Henry Moore as best man. They occupied a studio adjoining the one Coxon had shared with Moore at Hammersmith Grove, before moving in 1928 into the house at Hammersmith Terrace where they remained for 60 years; the view over the Thames and the fine quality of the light attracted other artists to the area.

Cotton soon established a

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position of artistic independence, which he maintained He was determined not to be drawn into or confined by any of the "isms" or movements which beset the art world. Nevertheless, he was invited to join the London Artists Association, a group dominated by Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, because they liked his work and felt it had something in common with theirs. In 1927 he had exhibited

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with Moore and Underwood as "The British Independents" at the Redfern Gallery. In 1928 the LAA gave him the first of four one-man shows. In 1931 he joined the London Group and continued to exhibit with them throughout his career. His paintings sold well and he continued teaching, taking a part-time post at Chelsea School of Art in 1930 and remaining there until the late 1960s. He also wrote a book, Art: An Introduction to Appreciation (1932).

In the summer holidays he and his wife travelled, drew and painted. In 1938 they

found a retreat, a studio by a milipond in West Sussex, which went on to serve as an inspiration for many paintings for both arrists. At the onset of the Second

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World War Coxon was asked to become an official war artist, a role he was uneasy with at first. He began by depicting the cavalry in Windsor, but moved on to a series of sea pictures inspired by going tent in a corvette with his friend, the artist and naval officer Hugh Cronyn.

The Coxons continued to reach during the war, running the painting school at Guildford more or less between them, while Raymond did firewatching and Gin had tea-car and drove ambulances. They continued to exhibit in London.

After the war they returned to teaching at Chelsea. A trip to the US in 1947 provided Raymond with inspiration for a new series of landscape paintings of the Grand Canyon. The Coxons later visited and painted in New England and the Florida Keys.

In Britain, however, the artistic climate had changed. Coxon's individual style remained well regarded but never quite regained the popularity it had enjoyed in the 1930s. He continued to show regularly with the London Group, Hammersmith Artists and at the Royal Academy Summer show, and had two further one-man shows with the Leicester Galleries. A 1960 exhibition consisted of more abstract work, lively and energetic and based on forms seen in nature; by the 1970s his canvases were large and clear and full of light and space. He had another one-man show in London in 1980 and a joint show with Gin at the Michael

Part-time teaching provided moome but also restricted the time available for his own work, but both he and Gin enjoyed the sociability of reaching. Raymond Coxon's sensitivity and critical intelligence inspired his students. He was generous and without rivalry in a world which was often the opposite. He continued to paint and draw in his nineties

Parkin Gallery in 1985. He had

a retrospective exhibition in

Stoke-on-Trent in 1987.

His wife Gin survives him.

#### **MAJOR ARCHIE JACK**

Major Archie Jack, MC. wa*r*time Special Operations Executive saboteur, died on January 13 aged 83. He was born on July 21, 1913.

A COMBATIVE and advenaurous personality, Archie Jack enjoyed a distinguished career as a saboteur in warnme Yugoslavia. He remained a stalwart apologist for General Mihajlović, with whom he had worked.

Archibald Frederick Maclean Jack was born in Buenos Aires where his father - a New Zealander -- was a railway manager. He spent his early childhood there and in Cuba, before being sent to a prep school in England where Donald Maclean was a close friend. He went on to Rugby and to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the Sword of Honour. He was gazetted into the Royal Engineers in 1933. He then went to read mechanical sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and won a half-blue for fencing.

Riding and hig-game shooting were among his recreations and he competed in the British modern pentathlon team at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games.

A posting to India brought him a fluent command of Hindustani. He saw active service in Waziristan, on the Northwest Frontier, and found a less usual opportunity as well: he became one of the very few Europeans who were then allowed to visit Lhasa. He spent the first three

years of the Second World War chafing at sapper routine and on training duties. He had an observer's role in the Tunisian campaign and then became commandant of a mountain warfare training school in Lebanon. There he got to know the Special Operations Executive's school in Palestine and talked his way into SOE. After training in parachuting and security, he was dropped into Serbia in September 1943, as part of Brigadier Armstrong's mission to General Mihajlović. While Armstrong and Mi-

hailovic wrestled with politics of which Armstrong said later he knew nothing - Jack

got on with training the locals in demolition techniques and, when he could, applied them himself. He claimed his destruction of the 140ft steel railway bridge over the Drina at Visegrad (a successor to that immortalised in Ivo Andric's novel The Bridge on the Drina) as the largest single span ever to be brought down in the Balkans. He blew up four smaller bridges as well, and recommended ways of hampering production at some antimony mines that the German were trying to ex-



ploit. For this work he was awarded the Military Cross. He was withdrawn, by Dakota, to Italy in May 1944, and was severely disillusioned to find how ill-informed SOE's staff officers were about what was actually going on in Yugoslavia. He left SOE. spent some time on the staff under Sir John Harding, Alexander's chief of staff in the Italian theatre, and was in

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Norway at the end of the war. Peacetime military engineering did not appeal. He left the Army as a major, and moved to farm in Devonshire, alternating for 20 years another vigorous outdoor sport, ocean racing, with prison visiting at Dartmoor. He spent some ten years in a house overlooking Mont Blanc, where visitors were enchanted both by the view and by his skills in the kitchen. He then moved to Kington in Herefordshire.

He married Pamela Foster King in Bombay in 1942. She survives him. They had no

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#### Sir John Wordie, CBE, former chairman of the Burnham Committee died on January 21 aged 73. He was born on

Japuary 15, 1924.

IOHN WORDIE was a conciliator who helped to influence industrial relations for four decades. Appointed chairman of his first Wages Council at the age of 32, he went on to join the Agricultural Wages Board, to serve on the council of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) and become the deputy chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee - retaining some of his nosts until he was 70.

But it is as the long-serving chairman of the Burnham Committee, the negotiating forum for teachers' pay, that Wordie will be most clearly remembered. Taking over in 1966, after the committee had been reconstituted by Act of Parliament in the previous year, he led it for 21 years until its replacement in 1987 by

a pay review body. The period included the 1984-87 dispute, during which reachers took industrial action in parts of Britain in order to force their employers to accept arbitration. The dispute not only raised Wordie's public profile, but did much to enhance his reputation for calm leadershìp. He had an uncanny knack, it has been said, for perceiving those points on which agreement could be reached - then piecing them together like a jigsaw.

ART AND INDUSTRY

THE ROYAL ACADEMY EXHIBITION

Sir. - Mr. Frank Pick's letter on the Royal

Academy Exhibition of Art in Industry.

published in The Times for February 9

ments, contained a lew very misleading

pitilessly raised by criticism. Yet no educated

visitor to Burlington House can deny that it is

deserved. But that criticism does not rise from

a cold, aesthetical disapproval. It springs

from the heat of sincere indignation and bitter

disappoinment. Arrists, manufacturers, and

other authorities throughout the country know that the Royal Academy Exhibition is

largely a misrepresentation, a kind of

treachery. They know that for every second-

rate, unsutable object shown an appropriate

first-rate object might have been in its place.

That is not meant to suggest that there are no

exhibits of first-rate character; but they

appear to be there by accident rather than by

For this state of things Mr. Pick tells us we have to thank "the artists' approach to industry" — calculated to give m industrial

objects a grace and beauty they often sadly

No exhibition of recent years has been so

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SIR JOHN WORDIE

He also chaired the Pelham Comminee which performed a similar function for lecturers in teachers' training colleges, and the Soulbury Committee which looked after school inspectors, education psychologists and youth officers.

Yet John Stewart Wordie was professionally a barrister, who entered industrial relations almost by accident before discovering a natural talent for the work. He was born at Cambridge, son of Sir James Wordie, the eminent geologist and Arctic explorer who was later to become master of St John's College and president of the Royal Geographical Society. Educated at Winchester. Wordie was head of his house, before being commissioned into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1942 at the age of 18. He subsequently served as a navigating officer in ships on the Arctic convoys and in submarines, ending up in 1945 in the

The Second World War over, he went up to St John's. Cambridge, where his lather was at that time senior futor, to read law. There he won a blue for cross-country running. After graduating, he read for the Bar and was called by the inner Temple in Although Wordie officially

practised at the bar until 1986. he never took silk and did not commit himself full-time to his profession. Even before he became embroiled in industrial relations, he had become increasingly involved in his family's businesses in Northern Ireland, and more particularly their property interests in Scotland. The Wordies had their origins in Stirlingshire. He also became chairman of the National Joint Council

for Lecturers in Further Education and, in 1975, master of the Salters' Company in London. He belonged to the Salters' Court of Assistants since 1971.

He retained his links with the Royal Navy, becoming a commander in the Royal Naval Reserve and second-incommand of the RNR's London Division. He also preserved his interest in atherics and belonged to the Thames Hare and Hounds

As a young man he played real tennis and took part in ocean racing — although only as a member of a crew; he never owned his own yacht. He also enjoyed shooning. without pretending to any special expertise.

Wordie was a tall, dignified, courteous man whose strengths as a conciliator reflected his own personal characteristics. Transparently fairminded and compassionate, he was deeply influenced in his teens by the thinking of Archbishop William Temple. He never lost his impartiality - or his temper. The result was that he was trusted by all parties. He was knighted in

But Wordie also loved good company and was himself a gifted raconteur. He was a familiar figure at the Travellers Club, for instance, where he died from a sudden heartattack during dinner.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, whom he married in 1955, and by four sons.

#### ON THIS DAY

## February 18, 1935

The Royal Academy Exhibition of Art in Industry came in for some stinging criticism from the celebrated artist Paul Nash: it did not, he said. represent a true alliance of art and industry.

need." This indeed is the unkindest cut of all: but fortunately, like other of Mr. Pick's ements, it bears little relation to reality. The facts are that the artists of Great Britain, by whom are meant in this connexion not fancy picture-makers or decorators or society architects, but practical designers of experience or obvious potentiality, were never considered as an essential unit to be used in the building up of the exhibition. They were never approached even, as the manufacturers were approached two years ago, when preparations began. Had they been intelligently chosen then to combine with manufacturers - a true alliance of art and industry -

for the production of common practical things instead of expensive flummery; had they been given, also, a full share in the organisation and display, or an adequate voice on the selection committees, the travesty at Burling-ton House could never have appeared.

For that we are indebted to two disastrous influences - the Royal Academic or official mentality and the parochial vision of the organizing secretary. This is plainly shown in the report of the special meeting held at the Royal Society of Aris in February 1934. In view of Mr. Pick's letter, it seems necessary to assure the public that neither the Design and Industries Association nor the Society of Industrial Artists, nor particularly the Council for Art and Industry, of which Mr. Pick is chairman, had any share in the organization of the exhibition. The responsibility for what is paraded at Burlington House as British art in industry lies with the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of Arts. It is no more representative of contemporary production in that field than the Royal Academy's Exhibition of Fine Art is representative of the modern achievement in painting and sculpture.

Yours faithfully PAUL NASH. President of the Society of Industrial Artists.

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# Land of the long white cloud nets a first football winner



NEW ZEALAND is not a country renowned for its footballing pedigree. Both codes of rugby, cricket and long-distance running might all be cited as areas of sporting expertise on the part of its inhabitants, but the islands do not - yet - boast proud records in football.

Yet the winner this week in Interactive Team Football hails from New Zealand's North Island. Richard Keenan, of Wellington, is an Internet reader of The Times, and his team Sucharita carries off the £250 prize. Mr Keenan scored 33 points, with notable contributions coming from David Robertson, the Rangers defender, and Aljosa Asanovic, the Derby County midfield player, both of whom scored goals on Saturday.

Mr Keenan is 29th in the Internet League, and nestling just outside the leading 250 electors in the overall compe tition. Although New Zea-land's football XI may not progress beyond the Oceania qualifying zone of the 1998 World Cup, there is clearly much knowledge of the game there. It also proves that working from afar need not be

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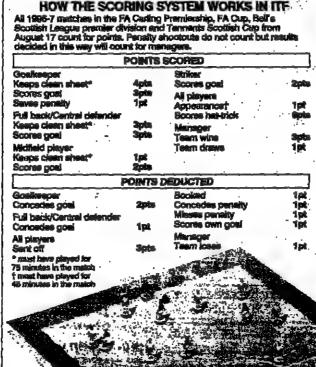
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You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call

When making a transfer you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes - the overali £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

All Interactive Team Foot ball transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 0/582 488 122.



## ENTER A NEW **TEAM TODAY**

THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league; the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

> Enter today by following the instructions below. Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

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2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.

3. Do not spend more than £35 million.

4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.

5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number. c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal

identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate and 50p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

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#### NEWS

#### Labour U-turn on Tote privatisation

Labour performed a remarkable U-turn last night when Robin Cook insisted that his party would not privatise the Tote. Only 36 hours earlier, a spokesman for Gordon Brown had floated the idea of selling the pool betting organisation for up to

The privatisation plan, supposedly discussed by Labour frontbenchers, had the party's senior figures in turmoil all day. In the end it was left to the Shadow Foreign Secretary to sort

#### Bosnia orphan can stay in Britain

A girl aged four, orphaned in Bosnia's civil war, may stay with her British foster parents even though they were guilty of "appalling irresponsibility" in adopting her, a High Court . Page 1 judge ruled.

#### Commons battle

The Ulster Unionists bargained across the floor of the Commons as Douglas Hogg fought to head off an attempt to sack him and force a vote of confidence aimed at bringing down the ... Page l Government ...

#### Dickens statue

Charles Dickens is to be honoured with a statue, despite a clearly stated intention in his will that he did not want one .. Page 1 Exam outrage

An examination board provoked outrage among Classics teachers yesterday after imposing an extra E15 charge on every Latin and

Greek A-level student ...... Page 1 Victim was afraid Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, who was

bludgeoned to death in the garden of her home, feared she was being stalked and had received anonymous calls....Page 3

#### Adoption hope

Childless couples hoping to adopt babies from abroad will be the main winners from Stephen Dorrell's pledge to eradicate "political correctness" from ... Page 4 adoption ....

#### **Gurkha victory**

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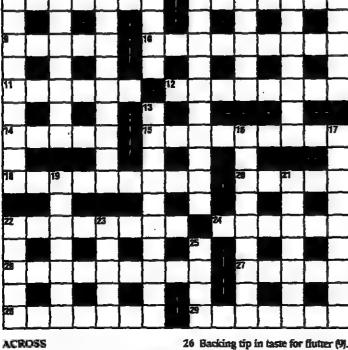
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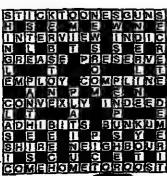
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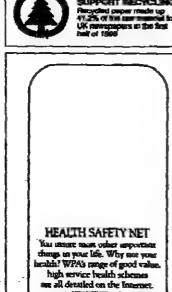
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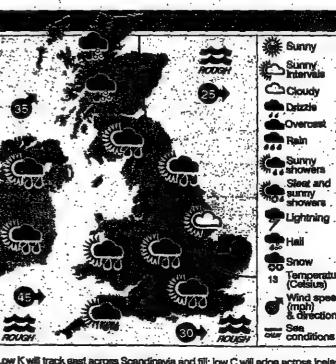
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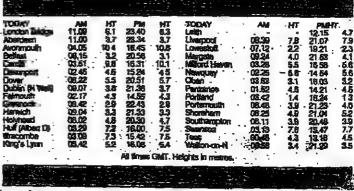
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Panorama alleges exchange knew copper price was being artificially inflated

# LME accused over Hamanaka



David King: programme says he misled markets

DAVID KING, chief executive of the London Metals Exchange, was accused last night of misleading the copper markets over the massive positions built up by Yasuo Hamanaka that cost Sumitomo Corporation \$26 billion.

The LME, whose chairman, Lord Bagri, was ennobled in the New Year Honours List, knew months before the market crashed that Hamanaka was artificially inflating the price of copper. However, eaking on last night's BBCI Panorama programme, "The Copper Ring", Mr King said the LME could not reveal what it knew because it would al problem to the market".

Neal Wolkoff, executive vice-president of Nymex, the New York Mercantile Exchange, the US's largest copper market, accused Mr King of misleading the markets by saying, in public, that the high copper price was "due to good. sound, fundamental econommade late in 1995 when the copper price touched \$3,000 a tonne. It collansed in May and June 1996 to under \$2,000, and stood at \$2,278 yesterday.
I think his statements

could have been, and probably were, taken to be misleading Mr Wolkoff said. I think what he intended to do was to

was incorrect." The Times has obtained

copies of letters written by R. Patrick Thompson, president of Nymez, which bring into question the LME's standing in the US. The first, sent on November 29 to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, describes the LME's operation as "a potential threat to orderly US markets". The second, sent on February 12, 1996 to Mr King, calls for an urgent meeting because "a regulatory issue of some sort may exist on the London Metals Exchange". The pressure is mounting

of the French state bank, after learning of CLR's 20 per cent interest in Winchester Commodities, the small copper trader now being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office. Panorama revealed that during 1992 and 1993 Charles Vincent, a founder of Winchester, travelled three times to Tokyo, each time taking \$50,000 in each. This was

reopening its investigation into Credit Lyonnais Rouse,

the London-based trading arm

given to Winchester's Tokyo sentative, Shinichi Nishi, and booked as "advanced bumuses paid to Nishi". Yesterday, Japanese prosecutors

in cash from Winchester. His 1993 salary was Y16.8 million. Winchester and Hamanaka struck a deal called RADR on June 24, 1993, which involved Sumitomo buying copper fu-tures at prices that appeared substantially biased against the Japanese group. The BBC asked Professor Desmond

\$38 million on RADR. ment last night on the Panora-

Fitzgerald of Equitable House

Group to analyse the deals.

He concluded that Winchester

made between \$30 million and

alleged that Hamanaka re-ceived Y15 million (\$120,000)



## Copper trader takes the blame



Hamanaka: guilty

YASUO HAMANAKA, the former copper trader, told a court in Tokyo yesterday that he alone was responsible for unauthorised copper deals Corporation (Robert Why-mant writes). The man once known as "Mr Copper" plead-ed guilty to forging docu-ments and fraud in a financial scandal that caused a \$2.6 illion los for Sumitomo.

Dressed in a blue suit. lastic sandals, Hamanaka, 49, showed no emotion as the prosecution in the Tokyo Dis-trict Court read out the charges alleging that he swin-dled a total of \$771 million through Sumitomo's Hong Kong subsidiary on the false pretext of purchasing copper then used to conceal losses incurred in unauthorised copper trades, it alleged. Hamanaka admitted falsispent the money received on overseas travel, golf and night

fying four letters to open accounts. On the fraud charge, he admitted making an improper payment to Mor

According to the prosecution, Hamanaka received a gratitude payment" of 15 million yen (£75.000) from Winchester Commodities between the autumn of 1992 and the spring of 1993. He used Winchester's Tokyo office as a broker for some of Sumitomo's transactions on the London Metal Exchange and

clubs, the prosecution said. denotes midday trading price This is the first time it has been alleged that Hamanaka

## Private investors count the cost of Gas demerger

MILLIONS of private inves-tors were last night counting the cost of splitting the ill-fated British Gas in two.

Shares of Centrica, the retail arm of British Gas, which includes the Morecambe Bay gasfield and the expensive take-or-pay gas supply con-tracts, sell 13.5 per cent to end the first day of official trading on the Stock Exchange 104p lower at 65% p. "

By contrast, BG, which handies the exploration and distribution arms of the business. including TransCo. managed to end the day 25p bener at 1745p. A total 545 million Centrica shares changed hands and almost 20 million BG, equivalent to 10.2 per cent of total stock market turnover. Brokers said that the sharp

fall in Centrica had been prompted by a number of factors, including profit taking after trading for almost two weeks on the unofficial grey market, where the shares rose charply after opening at 60p. Merrill Lynch, the broker, told clients that Centrica shares were worth only 40p and that the company was taking an over-optimistic view of the take-or-pay contracts.

The message from other brokers last night indicated that there could be further selling of Centrica by American investors who are unable three in Egypt; one in the South of France to deal in the shares freely in and several on cruise ships around the

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the US because of the absence of an American Depository Receipt facility. There was no US selling of the shares yesterday with Wall Street closed for President's Day.
There will also be a certain

amount of repositioning in the

tions. The absence of a dividead from Centrica will not endear it to either the income funds or private investors.

Simon Flowers, gas distri-bution analyst with NatWest Securities, said: "Income funds will have some questions to answer and it's not the natural investment vehicle for small shareholders." Perversely, Centrica may

attract the support of the energy funds which have been gorging themselves on explo-ration issues like BG, made more profitable by a strong

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#### Christmas cashback at Halifax

HALIFAX Building Society fired another shot in the mortgage war yesterday with the famula of a scheme offering up to £10,000 back in cash. On a £50,000 mortgage, borrowers will receive 1500 before Christmas for each of the next times years.

This latest aggressive move by the UK's biggest building society follows last week's launch of a range of fixed interest loans, with rates more than I per cent lower than the previous Halifax range.

The new scheme will pay borrowers a 1 per cent cashback on completion of

the mortgage, plus another ! per cent on each December 1, until 1999. The maximum total cathback available is

## Governor backs off over rate increase

By Alasdair Murray

EDDIE GEORGE, the Governor of the Bank of England, admitted yesterday that the need for an interest rise was less urgent than the Bank believed in December. Mr George said that the Government could meet its 2.5

per cent inflation target by the and of this Parliament. He told the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee that there was a "pretty narrow difference" between the Bank's position and the Chancellor's and that the target rate was well within the margin of error in its forecasts. But he invisted that there had

only been a slight softening in the Bank's outlook and that the Bank still believes a rate rise is needed to meet the inflation target in the medium term.

At the December monetary meeting. Mr George suggest-ed a half-point rise in base rates might be needed early this year to control inflation. But the Governor told the Treasury Select Committee that the continuing rise of the

pound and weaker than expecied economic data had made a rise "absolutely less pressing than it was". Sterling has gained about 15 per cent on a trade-weighted basis since last summer. But the Governor repeated

the Bank's view, outlined in last week's quarterly Inflation Report, that a rate rise will be needed if the inflation target is to be met in the medium term. Mr George described monezary growth, at around 10 per cent, as incompatible with the inflation target and said that consumer demand remains at above trend levels. The Bank does not believe the high levels of sterling will persist.

The Governor supported opening up the monetary poli-cy committee at the Bank, which formulates its view on inflation, to outside experts. He said: "If the effect is to improve the quality of an-alysis, I think that could do

nothing but good."

Mr George said that sterling would be unlikely to join a single currency at its current exchange rate. He repeated a warning against "premature" moves towards a single currency, saying current levels of divergence between the economies could cause interest rate

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#### Virgin to **buy 20%** stake in **Broncos**

By JASON NISSE

RICHARD BRANSON, rumoured in the past as a possible and Southampton football clubs, is to buy a 20 per cent stake in a rugby league team, the London Broncos.

The deal is expected to be announced tomorrow, with Mr Branson's Virgin Group paying around £300,000 for a

holding in the club.

The investment will significantly raise the profile of the Broncos in the South of England, where the club has struggled to gain a large following despite success on the field. Followers of the sport expect the Broncos to chall-enge the likes of Bradford, Wigan and St Helens for the Superleague title this

The club has been transformed by Barry Maranta, a former sociology lecturer who founded the highly successful Brisbane Broncos in Australia. Mr Maranta took over the old London Crusaders two years ago and has since ploughed in more than £1.5 million and guided the Broncos to success despite a problem finding a home for the nomadic club. The team started playing at

the Stoop Memorial Ground the home of rugby union club NEC Harlequins in west London, but left because of the poor quality of the amenities. Last season the Broncos played at the Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic in south west London, but have returned to the Stoop for this

## London Clubs makes a play for Capital

LONDON CLUBS International yester-day revealed itself as the mystery bidder for Capital Corporation when it launched a hostile share offer that valued the Crockfords and Colony Club casino group at £181 million. The target company rejected the bid as

wholly unwelcome, saying that it totally failed to recognise the value of Capital Corporation. Ladbroke had also been tipped as a potential bidder.

If the bid is successful, London Clubs
will increase in size by a third. London
Clubs operates seven casinos in London. the Casino du Liban in Beirut.

Capital shares closed at 171p on Friday, but rose to 186's p yesterday after the bid was announced. The shares fell from 160p to 155p on January 7 after Capital gave a warning that profits would be £8.5 million to £9 million for 1996, compared with market forecasts of £13.5 million. They climbed back to 200p at the end of January after the approach from an unknown bidder was revealed.

London Clubs shares fell 62p to 3782p. Alan Goodenough, chief executive of London Clubs, said: The combination of the businesses of Capital Corporation and London Clubs makes excellent commercial sense. The nature of the businesses

operated by both companies will ensure that they are integrated efficiently and with minimal disruption. The combined entry will be well positioned to develop in a way that Capital Corporation as a

stand-alone company cannot."

London Clubs believes the deal will improve its ability to take advantage of opportunities in the global gaming mar-ket. Its offer rationale also highlights significant economies of scale, a reduction in central overheads, operational efficiencies and improved controls".

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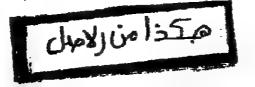
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## Demerged Centrica falls while BG starts higher

NEWLY demerged Centrica fell sharply at the start of official trading yesterday, with the price tumbling 1014p to 65'4p, or 13.5 per cent. Those losses could be extended today when investors on Wall Street return from their extended weekend break.

Brokers in London were last night warning that, with the absence of an American Depository Receipt facility in Centrica, the Americans are likely to turn sellers of the stock. Wall Street was closed yesterday for President's Day.

As it was, a total of 54.5 million Centrica shares had changed hands by the close of business. This, combined with the 19.76 million shares traded in BG, meant that the two companies accounted for 10.2 per cent of total stock market turnover of 726.1 million shares.

By contrast BG, the exploration and distribution arm, which includes troubled TransCo, firmed 212p to

17412p. Merrill Lynch, the broker, is value of Centrica, which includes the retail arm of British Gas, the Ill-fated take-or-pay gas supply contracts and the Morecambe Bay gasfield, is around 40p a share. It says optmistic assumptions are being made about the take-orpay contracts, which have cost British Gas hundreds of millions of pounds. At the same time, its true worth in the case of a bid is not as high as some speculators would wish.

Centrica started trading on the grey market earlier this month at 60p and rose steadily, but its reluctance to pay dividends has caused many small private shareholders to sell. BG opened at 185p after dipping to 134p initially.

Elsewhere, equities made heavy weather of it in the absence of a lead from Wall Street, which had dipped below 7,000 on Friday. After falling almost 22 points from first Friday's closing high, the FT-SE 100 index clawed back most of its losses to close just 3.2 down at 4,337.8.

Railtrack was 1012p better at 39312p as some brokers took the view that recent selling, which has seen the price come back from a peak of 41312p, has been overdone.

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James Heilig, left, and Norman McLeod, finance director, of Low & Bonar, up 2612p on higher profits and payout

Cellnet from Securicor. The Government blocked the move a couple of years ago, but may now give the go-head in the face of increased competition from the likes of Vodafone, down 4p at 283p, Orange, 3p easier at 215p, and Cable and Wireless, 10p off at

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impressive profit increase. Brokers picked up on upbeat comments made to the Dutch press over the weekend which sent the price of the N/V stock sharply higher in Amsterdam. Lloyds TSB rose 15p to

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and could be lost on a change of control.
Ultimately, Centrica is a creature of the gas price, because of its exposure to expensive supply contracts. The spot price is now down to 12p per therm, but longer-term gas prices will depend on trends in Europe as the interconnector smoothes out the differential between Britain and the Continent. With ample supplies of Russian gas arriving from the East, the price trend must be down. Centrica shares could fall to less than 60p.

Kellogg but next year the

cereal giant will have the

chance to inject a bit of

variety into its British suppli-

ers for the first time since it

sold off its division four

years ago. In an industry already rife

with competition, Low &

Bonar's largest customer would appear to have every

reason to crack the whip.

#### Low & Bonar

without a US quote.

GAZING at a back of a cereal packet in the morning ns to have excited Jim Heilig, Low & Bonar's chief executive. Kellogg has been kind to Low & Bonar, allowing it good margins to supply the food company with cereal boxes and he would like to extend the

burst on the first day of pukka trading. Income funds prevented from holding shares

selling is expected today as American inves-tors in British Gas unload stock in a company

Takeover speculation was behind the grey

market buying, but hopes that a hidder will unlock hidden value look optimistic. Aside

from the take-or-pay contract liabilities. Centrica has other potential poison pills. Often

Elsewhere, Low & Bonar is losing margin but the bad news was out of the way in its November profits warning, and it seems that there are to be no more nasty surprises. Plastics is back on its feet and and the company seems to have written off its silagewrap division. With packaging now accounting for 51 per cent of profits, Low & Bonar wants to extend its influence to the Continent. But it may be a bet too far. Kellogg's worldwide review

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of suppliers, which Low & Bonar sees as an opportuni-

ty, is more likely to be an

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Low & Bonar may be keen

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#### Allied Carpets

AS multiple retailers grow. the corner shop is sold. However, against the odds, most carpets sold in this country still come from small, local shops rather than national chain stores.

Lord Harris's Carpetright and the recently floated Allied Carpets are confident that change is on the way. The only major carpet multi-ples in Britain each has roughly 14 per cent of the market and both see plenty of room for expension. This is had news for independents,

Given the ambitions of the two chains, it will not be long before they compete head-to-. head and investors need to back the winner. So far, Allied has been making all. the running. Its shares were heavily discounted when it joined the stock market but they have since climbed and are now trading on a pro21 times. The rating is hard to justify, given that Allied Carpets admitted yesterday that its promotional activities have put its margins under heavy pressure. All in all, Carpetright looks a better

compared with Carpetright's

Capital Corp LONDON CLUBS has timed its bid well but it is still difficuit to understand why any-

one would pay £181 million for a couple of Mayfair castnos. On the expected profits of £9 million for the year just ended, the offer price is a lucourse, London Clubs has pitched its bid on the back of a poor set of results, aiready forecast by Capital Corporation in a recent profits warning. Crockfords had rotten luck with some wealthy costomers walking out the door with a lot more money than

time the winnings should approach an average of 18-20 per cent of money staked. The

real concern for upmarket casinos is whether the really flush punters come in the door at all. For London Clubs the attraction of Capital is Crockfords; taking over that establishment would give it about half of the market in posh London casinos and therefore, more chance of capturing a bigger share of the cash that drips off rich gamblers.

Were Capital's profits to reach £12 million in the current year, the exit multiple handsome 40 per cent premium to the market. It is hard to see why such voiatile profits deserve a premium rating but London Clubs is paying for the scarcity value of Crockfords. Investors might have preferred a less glamorous, cheaper and less risky investment in mass-market

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## ☐ Huge fines the only answer to train failure ☐ Labour could be more friendly to bidders ☐ Trouble at the petrol pump The excuse now waiting...

☐ COMMUTERS from leafy suburbs in south London and as far out as Hampshire have noticed a sharp deterioration in their rail journeys to work. Clapped-out stock, trains shorter than usual with standing room only, more frequent cancella-

tions - and now we know why. The admission by Stagecoach, the first successful bidder for a British Rail franchise, that it has made a pig's ear of running South West Trains is the most humiliating setback yet for rail privatisation.

It is more humiliating than the cheap sales of public assets such as Porterbrook and Eversholt that turned out to be worth so much more to their management a few months later. Even worse than the grotesque rises in the stock market worth of tiny train op-erators after franchise deals that guarantee profits. Worse than all those new millionaires created by the coachful, or seeing Railtrack shares, the only bit sold direct to private investors and City institutions, now worth twice what the

Government got last summer.
All the above has been excused as the inevitable consequence of a difficult privatisation that turned out to be an unexpected success. We are even braced for the process to be repeated with the London Underground.

companies, and their City backers won in the first round of bidding because no one else was prepared to pay more. Once the companies' true value had been established, the businesses were sold for a 55 per cent gain and some managers started looking for their own football teams. Their willingness to take risks

made their fortunes. Yet the excuse no longer washes if there is no improvement in the quality of service to. the public. The reason for selling British Rail was to ensure entrepreneurial firms such as Stagecoach used their skills to make people's journeys more comfortable, if not actually cheaper. On some routes improvement has arrived, on others it is still in the sidings.

It is now down to the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising (OPRAF), one of rail's two regulators in fine Streeges have

lators, to fine Stagecoach for the failings of South West Trains. The fines should be huge; this is the corollary to all those windfall gains. If you are brought in to the London Underground.

The management of Eversholt serve no profits in the absence of and Porterbrook, the leasing them — that is only logical.

But what is this? The fines may be levied in secret. No one yet knows how much they could be, and this may not emerge until the OPRAF annual report, but tens of thousands of pounds is the general impression. Stagespach, with a stock market capitalisation of £1.7 billion, was blithely confident last night that any sum would be "not material"

This is clearly not on. Commuters waiting this morning to be shoehorned, late, into antediluvian rolling stock should have confidence that their misery is matched by real financial damage to the rail company.

#### Takeover climate still temperate

THE Gulf Canada bid for Clyde Petroleum will close today. Most other takeover bids are well into the end game, except for the two fresh outbreaks last week, Chubb and Whessoe, and Capital Corporation yesterday.

Aside from that, on the mergers and acquisitions front that's about all, folks. There are the odd



rumours of a mega-bid, and the usual candidates are dusted off. But anyone who gambled bigtime on the rumours is regretting

The obvious reason is the impending general election. The 60-day bid innetable means that a takeover launched today might not squeeze under the wire but go to an incoming Labour admin-istration — and Labour, if elected, can be expected to be

inimical to takenvers.

Says who? Almost two years ago Gordon Brown suggested the hidder might have to show that the takeover served the public interest, an inversion of the current state of affairs where a bid can only be blocked if seen to be a had thing. Labour has

softened since. Last month Tony Corporate finance teams, once Blair appeared to contradict Mr Brown - hardly for the first time - and suggest that his Chancellor's earlier proposals might require the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to make "a judgment about the relative competence of two sets of managers. This is very difficult for a public

body to do." True, even if any ruling on individual bids must contain an element of subjectivity. The public interest requirement is dead. along with any plans to merge the MMC with the Office of Fair Trading. Two other factors sug-gest Labour might not be so dead set against takeovers, hostile or otherwise. A Blair government can be expected actively to favour deals that create national champions better able to resist comperition from overseas, whatever

the short-term effect on jobs. The second factor is the normal weight of political iner-tia. A radical shake-up of competition policy is going to be a long way behind schools, crime, a windfall tax and other matters which Labour has said are its priorities if in office.

the election is over, may have a couple more good years ahead of

#### Competing cultures of complaint

☐ MOST of us are willing to believe the worst about oil multinationals - a healthy prejudice. As a result, the UK petrol market has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission three times. If was also subjected to a special study by the Office of Fair Trading on alleged profiteering in the Gulf war.

Each time the industry's critics failed to make enough dirt stick to justify more than a watching brief by the competition authorities. Now the market has turned right round. The challenge from food retailers and over-capacity in refining has meant fierce competition, keeping prices down. But complaints have not

Independent retailers say they are squeezed unfairly in the middle, victims of unfair behaviour that will carve up the market and create monopoly by driving them out of business. The director-general of fair trading is not for worried. Com-

it the oil industry had a regulator, as the utilities have, he would have to worry a great deal. There would be regular outcries: Richard Branson would be all over the media, and action would be demanded. The same might happen if the OFT itself had executive powers, making it a general regulator instead of a

conduit to the MMC. Whatever the state of the market, someone is always losing and someone is always aggrieved. The lesson is that perfect competition in electricity, gas or telecoms will not create an era in which regulation fades away. The Offolk will be as busy and as obnoxious as ever.

#### Top of the pops

THE person teenagers would most trust to advise on their finances is Chris Evans, the volatile but rich disc jockey, according to a survey from the unit trust people. They are least likely to trust their savings with the Chancellor, joint bottom with someone called Mystic Meg. Which proves that the current generation lack none of their predecessors' skills at providing

## Institutions hold key to Clyde future

BY CARL MORTISHED

A MYSTERY investor yesterday snapped up 4.4 million shares in Clyde Petroleum, the independent oil company whose future will be decided today after a bard-fought battle against the 120p-per-share bid from Gulf Canada Resources.

The single block of four million shares changed hands at the bid price of 120p and is thought to have gone into hands friendly to Clyde Petroleum. The investor amassed the remaining stake from market-makers, creating a holding of about I per cent.

The last-minute share deal

could be important to Clyde. However, it may not be enough to secure its independent as yesterday the bid moved sharp-ly in Gulf's favour when the Canadian bidder announced that it had secured control of 40.97 per cent of the UK explorer's stock. Gulf has received accentances from shares representing 10.98 per cent of Clyde and has acquired shares amounting to 29.99 per cent of the UK company, the maximum permitted under the Takeover Code. Gulf indicated that it had

vices, the nursing home com-pany, has been forced to unrav-

el sale and leaseback arrange-

ments and restate its accounts for the past two years after a

landmark ruling by the Fin-ancial Reporting Review Panel Associated's leaseback agreement was an industry

standard supplied by Nursing Home Properties (NHP). Dan-

iel Francis, NHP finance director, said: "The Review

Panel's decision is not wellinformed and will have a knock-on effect right across

every company that has a sale

and leaseback agreement."
The dispute centred on

whether associated companies are subsidiaries. The NHP

agreement fell foul of rules on

Frederick Brown, Associated's finance director, said:

"We are being told that assets

which were on the Nursing

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sheet now have to be on our

off balance sheet finance.

acceptances for a further 1.46 per cent of Clyde, but these were not yet validated. A small number of institu-

tions are key to the outcome of the bid as private shareholders own only about 3 per cent of Clyde, Gulf scored an important gain when PDFM, the fund manager, sold its 14 per cent stake to Gulf but Schroders, a fund manager thought to be supportive of Clyde, has yet to declare its intentions. Other hig investors include Norwich Union, Whirington Investments and Capital Group, the American fund

Some analysis query the wisdom of Schroders turning down the 120p bid when the ping. "I think they will be very brave to stick with it," one broker said. The price of the Brent crude oil contract has fallen from above \$24 at the start of January to less than \$21 and the futures market suggest the slide will continue with analysts predicting a surge in supply amid expectations of Opec overproduction.

#### **Ex-Penguin** Care firm chief tells must unpick lease deal of dismay By ERIC REGULY By Romant Hauca

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PETER MAYER, the former chief executive of Penguin, the book publisher, said yesterday that he was shocked and dismayed by the disclosure that improper accounting had left a £100 million hole in the accounts. In his first comments since the scandal emerged last

Thursday, Mr Mayer, who had been travelling in Asia for the past six weeks, said that he would co-operate fully with Pearson's investigation into the matter.

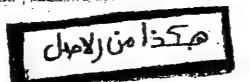
The company has hared Price Waterhouse, the accounting firm, and the New York law office of Cravath, Swaine & Moore to determine how a junior bookkeeper in Penguin's accounts office in New Jersey was able to extend unauthorised discounts to retailers since 1991 in exchange for prompt payments. Mr Mayer said: "I had no suspicion that anything was wrong in the accounts

## Wellington £34.9m bid impresses Premium

WELLINGTON Underwriting, the specialist Lloyd's insurer, has beaten off an unnamed bidder to make a £34.9 million recommended by 18p to 175p.
Wellington is offering 125 offer for Premium Underwrit-

new shares for every 100 shares in Premium plus £25.20 in cash. Hoare Govett is arranging a cash alternative. It has received an irrevocable undertaking from Codelouf, a shareholder with 27 per cent of the voting rights





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Grey day for Centrica





## Demerged Centrica falls while BG starts higher

NEWLY demerged Centrica fell sharply at the start of official trading yesterday, with the price tumbling 10<sup>4</sup>4p to 6514p, or 13.5 per cent. Those losses could be extended today when investors on Wall Street return from their extended weekend break.

Brokers in London were last night warning that, with the absence of an American Depository Receipt facility in Centrica, the Americans are likely to turn sellers of the stock. Wall Street was closed yesterday for President's Day. As it was, a total of 54.5

million Centrica shares had changed hands by the close of business. This, combined with the 19.76 million shares traded in BG, meant that the two companies accounted for 10.2 per cent of total stock market turnover of 726.1 million shares.

By contrast BG, the exploration and distribution arm, includes troubled TransCo, firmed 212p to

Merrill Lynch, the broker, is telling clients that the real value of Centrica, which includes the retail arm of British Gas, the ill-fated take-or-pay gas supply contracts and the Morecambe Bay gastield, is around 40p a share. It says optmistic assumptions are being made about the take-orpay contracts, which have cost British Gas hundreds of millions of pounds. At the same time, its irue worth in the case of a bid is not as high as some speculators would wish.

Centrica started trading on the grey market earlier this month at 60p and rose steadily but its reluctance to pay dividends has caused many small private shareholders to sell. BG opened at 185p after dipping to 134p initially.

Elsewhere, equities made heavy weather of it in the absence of a lead from Wall Street, which had dipped below 7,000 on Friday. After falling almost 22 points from last Friday's closing high, the FT-SE 100 index clawed back most of its losses to close just 3.2 down at 4,337.8.

at 3931 ap as some brokers took the view that recent selling, which has seen the price come back from a peak of 41312p. has been overdone.

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James Heilig, left, and Norman McLeod, finance director, of Low & Bonar, up 2612p on higher profits and payout

Cellnet from Securicor. The Government blocked the move a couple of years ago, but may now give the go-head in the face of increased competition from the likes of Vodafone, down 4p at 283p, Orange, 3p easier at 215p, and Cable and Wireless, 10p off at

estimate that Securicor's stake in Cellnet

impressive profit increase. Brokers picked up on upbeat comments made to the Dutch press over the weekend which sent the price of the N/V stock sharply higher in Amsterdam. Lloyds TSB rose 15p to 51812p as brokers continued to scrutinise last Friday's sharp ump in full-year pre-tax prof-

its. Barclays, reporting later today, fell 16'2p to £11.99'2

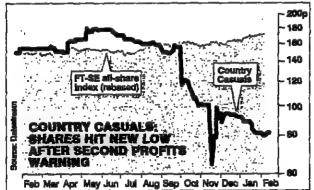
WPP Group, the advertising agency headed by Martin Sorrell, continues to go from strength to strength ahead of tomorrow's figures. These are expected to make positive reading with Panmure Gordon, the broker, rating the shares a "buy". The rise was also fuelled by talk of a share buyback.

could be worth up to £4 billion - not bad for a company that carries a stock market price tag of less than £2 billion. Securicor finished 8p dearer at 311'ap with 3.25 million shares

Unilever was the best performing share among the top 100 companies, climbing 67p to £16.0412, or 4.36 per cent, on further reflection of last week's

amid growing concerns about rising costs hitting profits in the second half. Capital Corporation, the

casino operator, jumped 1512p to 1861ap as London Clubs, emerged as a potential sultor with an offer worth £181 million. The terms of 47 new London shares for every 100 Capital values the latter at around 181p. Speculators say



may consider a counter-bid. London finished 612p lower at

37812p. A second profits warning in the space of less than three months left Country Casuals 612p down at 74p. In December it said profits would not be less than El million for the year. Now the group says the final outcome would not be less than £100,000. Brokers

were not impressed.
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rose 18p to 175p on news of an
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Williams Holdings
touched 29412p before finishing just 112p shy at 299p as brokers continue to ponder last week's £1.3 billion bid for Chubb Security, 3p off at 421 ap. Some brokers were worried about earnings dilu-tion. The subsequent fall in its share price also sealed its fate as a constituent of the top 100 companies. It has been kicked out to make way for the BG and Centrica.

Full-year figures from Low & Bonar lived up to expectations and the shares respond-ed with a jump of 2612p to 42412p. Pre-tax profits at the packaging group headed by James Heilig, chief executive, were up 3 per cent at £54 million and shareholders were rewarded with an 11 per cent increase in the final payout to 10.7p. In the past few months the price has slumped from a peak of 574p to a low of 388p after problems at its silage wrap and North American

packaging business. Flying Flowers, which unveiled some impressive profit numbers last week, firmed a further 212p to 22212p. The price was unmoved by the news that Tim Dunningham, a director, has sold 285,000

shares at 218p. GILT-EDGED: Weaker German bunds and the closure of the US Treasury bond market for a national holiday meant a dull session in thin trading, with institutional investors reluctant to open fresh positions.

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sellers of the financially challenged gas marketing company. Sure enough, on the first day of dealings they rushed to the door, causing the price to fall 10 p to 65 p. More supply contracts. The spot price is now down selling is expected today as American inves-tors in British Gas unload stock in a company to 12p per therm, but longer-term gas prices will depend on trends in Europe as the interconnector smoothes out the differential Takeover speculation was behind the grey between Britain and the Continent. With ample supplies of Russian gas arriving from market buying, but hopes that a bidder will-unlock hidden value look optimistic. Aside the East, the price trend must be down. from the take-or-pay contract liabilities, Centrica has other potential poison pills. Often Centrica shares could fall to less than 60p.

years ago.

Kellogg but next year the

cereal giant will have the

chance to inject a bit of

variety into its British suppli-

ers for the first time since it

sold off its division four

In an industry already rife

with competition, Low &

Bonar's largest customer

would appear to have every

reason to crack the whip.

Low & Bonar

without a US quote.

GAZING at a back of a cereal packet in the morning seems to have excited Jim Heilig, Low & Bonar's chief executive. Kellogg has been kind to Low & Bonar, allowing it good margins to supply the food company with cereal boxes and he would like to extend the

IF MARKETS are often imperfect, grey markets are seriously flawed. Unofficial

dealings in Centrica shares prior to the demerger created a speculative bubble which

burst on the first day of pukka trading. Income funds prevented from holding shares

that do not pay a dividend were obvious

Elsewhere, Low & Bonar is losing margin but the bad news was out of the way in its November profits warming, and it seems that there are to be no more nasty surprises. Plastics is back on its feet and and the company seems to have written off its silagewrap division. With packaging now accounting for 51 per cent of profits, Low Bonar wants to extend its influence to the Continent.

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	AS multiple retailers grow, the corner shop is sold. However, against the odds.
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The only major carpet multi-ples in Britain each has roughly 14 per cent of the market and both see plenty of room for expansion. This is bad news for independents,

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Low & Bonar may be keen to snuggle up further to

suppliers from the pain.

But it may be a bet too far. Kellogg's worldwide review

> compared with Carpetright's 21 times. The rating is hard to justify, given that Ailied Carpets admitted yesterday that its promotional activities have put its margins under heavy pressure. All in all, Carpetright looks a better

Capital Corp

LONDON CLUBS has tirred its bid well but it is still difficult to understand why anyone would pay £181 million for a couple of Maylair casinos. On the expected profits of £9 million for the year just ended, the offer price is a kicourse, London Clubs has pitched its bid on the back of a poor set of results, already forecast by Capital Corporation in a recent profits warning. Crockfords had rotten luck with some wealthy customers walking out the door with a lot more money than they took in.

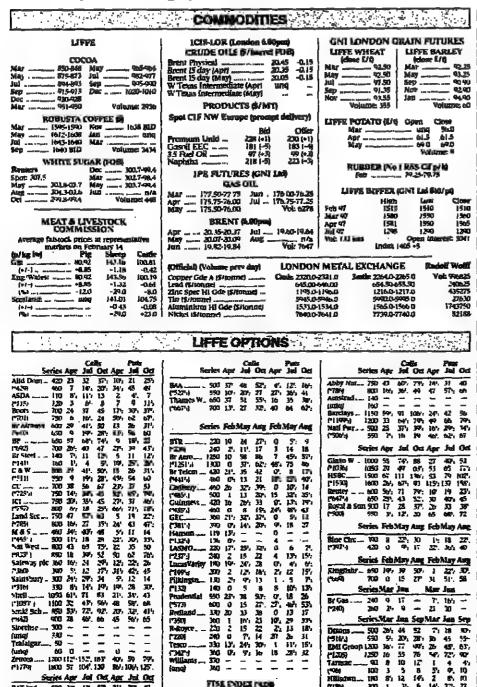
All casinos suffer swings and roundabouts but over-

Feb Mer Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb time the winnings should approach an average of 18-20

percent of money staked. The real concern for upmarket casinos is whether the really flush punters come in the door at all. For London Clubs the attraction of Capital is Crockfords; taking over that establishment would give it about half of the market in posh London casinos and therefore, more chance of capturing a bigger share of the cash that drips off rich gambiers.

Were Capital's profits to reach £12 million in the current year, the exit multiple would still be 22 times, a ndsome 40 per cent pre um to the market. It is hard to see why such volatile profits deserve a premium rating but London Clubs is paying for the scarcity value of Crockfords, Investors might have preferred a less glamorous, cheaper and less risky investment in mass-market entertainment.

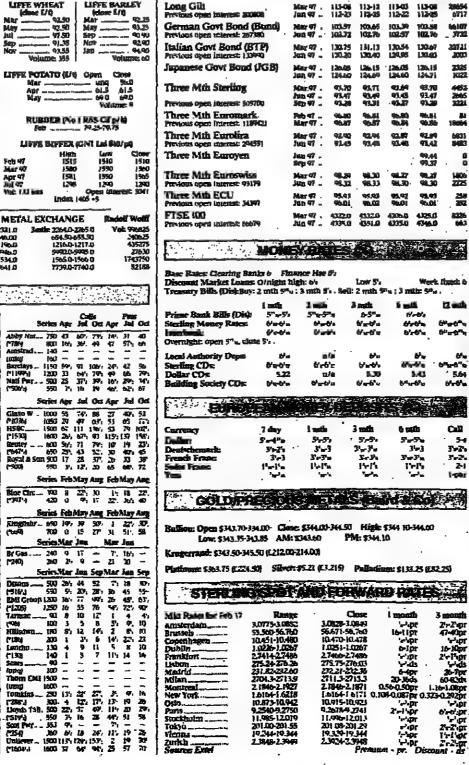
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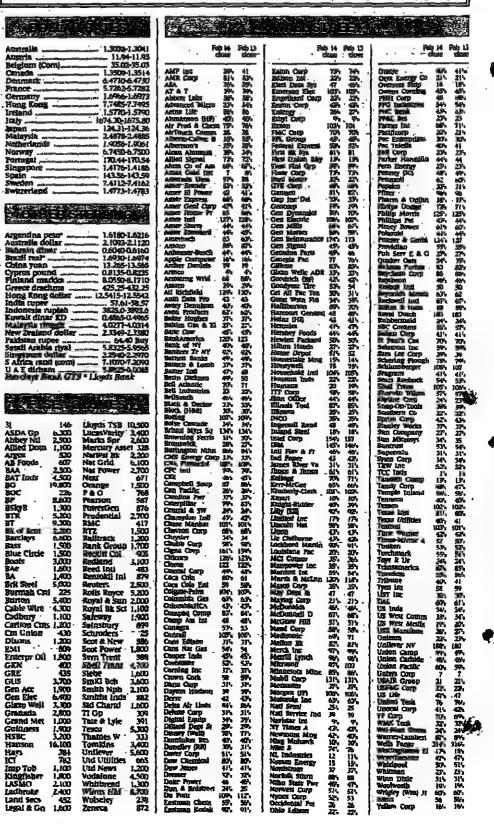


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#### Careful Auntie playing safe

THE BBC is dearly get ting extremely careful about what it sends out across the airwayes. Yesterday the corporation conducted a hush-hush screening of its BBC! Panorama programme The Copper Ring, which made accusations about the conduct of the litigious Ashley Levitt and Charlie Vincent, of Winchester Commodities. In the room next door at Broadcasting House a seminar was being held entititled "Law for Broadcasters".

#### Movie thriller

STEPHEN WILSON, a US district court judge, fell asleep while watching the smash-hit movie Jerry Maguire, forcing him to postpone a decision on whether or not to dismiss the \$110 million lawsuit over product placement in the Tom Cruise film, which is opening in England this week.

Wilson, who admits to dozing off, said he needs to finish watching the film before ruling whether Reebok International is entitled to damages because the film's producers re-neged on a deal to show a Reebok commercial starring Cuba Gooding Inc (nominated for an Oscar for the role) as the fictional football player Rod Tidwell during the movie's closing credits. Trial is set for May 6. TriStar Pictures, the production company, has applied to dismiss the legal action as being without merit.



ON THE day that London Clubs, the casino group, bid for its rival Capital Corporation the Dutch appear to have perfected breeding of the black tulip. Its name: "blackjack".

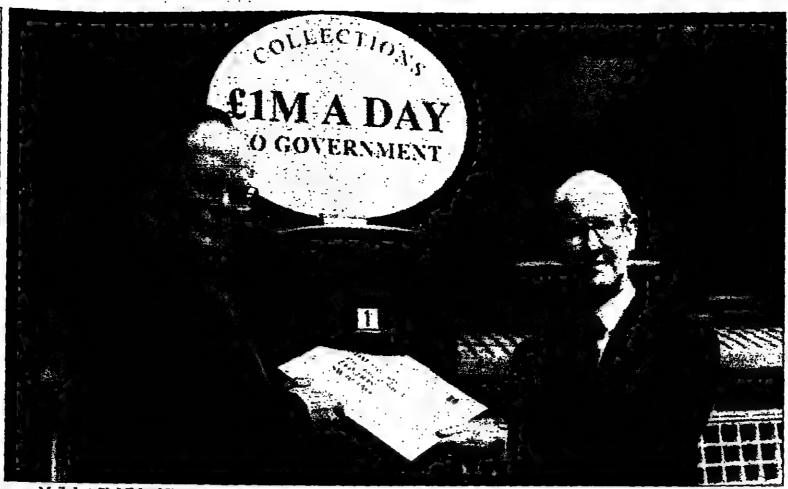
#### Goldman scraps

A PARK-IN protest flared up yesterday at the taxi rank beside the Fleet Street offices of Goldman Sachs as the Americanowned merchant bank became embroiled in a cabbles' scrap. The drivers are on the Computer Cab circuit, which is proposing to join the Alternative investment Market Only 500 or so of ComCab's 2,000 drivers have been fitted with a satellite tracking system, causing resentment among other drivers. who claim that the best jobs, including work with Goldmans, is handed out via the system.

#### Crusty aussies

PEPSICO Restaurants found itself with rather more publicity than it had bargained for Down Under after its new Pizza Hut commercial advising people to "get stuffed" was branded as offensive. Local politicians called for the billboard poster, which was put up outside Sydney Airport to promote Pizza Hut's new cheese stuffed crust pizza, to be immediately pulled down. They said that the wording -Welcome to Australia. Now you can get stuffed." - sent out the wrong kind

of message to visitors. However, an unrepen-tant PepsiCo marketing director said the poster was staying. He said: "My kids think it's hilarious. Here in Australia we have a very rich language and a strong sense of the vernacular. That's who we are as a country; we are a little bit



Mail-shot: Sir Michael Heron, the chairman of the Post Office, and John Roberts, chief executive, posting a payment to the Treasury

# What the future may deliver for Britain's Post Office

ew measures were put forward yesterday aimed at ensuring the post-election future of a British business becalmed by politics: the Post

The Post Office is a success story. Twenty years of profits, all unsubsidised by the taxpayer, 18 billion items of mail a year, high standards of service and widespread public approval. But senior Post Office managers insist that this exemplary record is under threat on two fronts.

The first is from technology as people increasingly turn to alternative forms of communication, the phone, faxes, Bmail. The second is from overseas competitors. The Post Office's position as the pre-eminent postal service in Europe has slipped, with the networks of The Netherlands and Irish Republic now scoring higher on service delivery than the UK.

The Post Office managers put the blame squarely-on government rules that restrict its ability to compete on

Although no mention of the idea was Government attempted to address the Post Office. Even privatisation. But in the face of extensive public opposition and a revolt among its own backbenchers, ministers had to abandon the move.

John Major, the Prime Minister, has to return to the issue after the election. If the Conservative Party is returned, and if it has a sufficient majority. Post Office managers expect it to proceed with a new privatisation move.

For Labour, beating off the threat of privatisation was vital, but the party has not moved much beyond a generalised declaration that if elected to government it will give the Post Office the greater commercial freedom

its board has long sought. As Mexican stand-offs go, this is politically sustainable, especially if the Post Office keeps turning in profits and Philip Bassett examines the post-election options for a threatened business

ploughing funds into the Treasury's coffers through its negative external financing limit (EFL): that is, instead of being a net beneficiary of government money, like, say, health or education, the Post Office is a net contributor.

But Post Office managers insist the threats of changing rechnology and growing competition mean that it is increasingly operationally unsustainable. One way or another, they are looking to the election to break the political logism.

At the London headquarters of the Industrial Society yesterday, a way of mov-

ing the logs was offered — curiously The managers enough by a union blame rules that only a few months ago was that restrict locked into a series of potentially damaging the ability to compete hans, the Post Office

broadly welcomed the proposals from the leaders of the Communication Workers' Union (CWU) in a consultative document amusingly styled, in terms of typeface and design, on a government Green Paper:

John Roberts, the Post Office's chief executive, who only recently attacked the CWU's dinosaur tactics in last vear's strikes, talked yesterday of common ground, agreement with the union and of welcoming its support. He said: "It's encouraging that that the CWU in its 'green paper' on the future of the Post Office takes a constructive view of many of the current

challenges." Given the decline of union strength, many unions now have only a limited locus on how their members are dealt

with. Only a few, perhaps the CWU, the FDA grouping of senior civil servants, the Royal College of Nursing. Balpa and Equity, have an impact on what their members do in the organisations in which they work. Few people, for instance, either know or care what the TGWU, the transport workers' union, thinks about, say,

heavy lorries.

Alhough Alan Johnson and Tony Young, the CWU's joint general-secretaries, insisted yesterday that the document was non-party political, the determination of

people such as Mich-Heseitine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to privatise the Post Office if at all possible makes it dear that the real object of Labour government.

strained relations between new Labour and the unions rest partly on the fact that in spite of the Labour-union joint rhetoric of fairness not favours, many unions see the possible advent of a Labour government as a time to draw up their shopping lists - still not fully or even at all realising that the surefire way of

not getting what they want from Tony Blair, the Labour leader, is such a list. in terms of the unions and similar groups. Mr Blair is much more interested in what they can do for Britain under a Labour government, rather than what a Labour government can do for them.

In that light, the CWU will come forward before the election with new proposals on telecommunications, for instance, including pricing, and on

what relationship generally unions can have not with the Labour Party but with the different animal of a Labour

Yesterday's Post Office proposals from the union sketched out a blueprint for Labour in government on this issue: a method of keeping the Post Office in the public sector, but removing it from the straitjacket of the system of public finances that govern its cash contributions in precisely the same way as education or health cash use; a new measure of deficit for government activity; a specific limit on EFL payments: an RPI-x price cap on the Post Office's monopoly items; and a new independent regulator.

Labour needs the Post Office to carry on being successful, partly in terms of ideology as the only real business remaining in the nationalised sector and partly in terms of cashflow. A new Labour government as strapped for cash as the Conservatives would be unlikely to walk quickly away from the guaranteed cash tap that the Post

Something like the CWU's proposals could be the way for Labour to expand the Post Office's market share and so stream but allowing the Post Office to invest more for further profitability: a

virtuous circle. Conservative ministers insist that there is no scope in such ideas, that only privatisation will work, and that such halfway-house ideas will not only give a still publicly owned Post Office grotesquely unfair advantage in the market place, but would blow a hole in the control of the public finances.

Either way, the Post Office, long mired in political argument, wants movement. As the Dutch postal service steps up its UK operations, and as Emailing someone in California becomes as easy as calling someone in Clapham, Britain's postal system is waiting for a new operating framework - delivery courtesy of the coming



# **Bulls** should enjoy another

good run L financial markets. On Wall Street last Thursday. the Dow Jones industrial average shot through 7,000 and the S&P composite simultaneously breached 800.

In London, meanwhile, the pound hit DM2.77, just a

whisker below its old ERM floor of DM2.7780. And yesterday the dollar rose for the first time in four years to DM1.70 - a level that would have been considered still absurdly cheap back in the 1980s, but which during the dark days of the dollar, when the US currency was languishing well below DM1.40, many market experts said would never be

seen again. Should arbitrary records like this be of interest to anyone except the financial equivalent of train-spotters? In the present febrile state of the global markets I think the answer is

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cial markets. Sterling's upsurge already appeared to be exhausted, at least against the dollar. The New York and London stock markets seemed set for a long period of directionless trading within established ranges.

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And even the steady hardening of the dollar against the mark, which was clearly bound to go much further, looked as though it might continue at a rather subdued

Indeed, the most ambitious target I could bring myself to mention for the dollar/mark exchange rate was "at least DM1.70".

of these predictions were wrong or, at least, too tame. Events in 1997 are taking a much more dramatic turn than I had expected.

Let me begin with the market where my expectations have been most clearly confounded. In early January it seemed, to me at least, most likely that a long period of directionless trading would frustrate both the buils and the bears. I did, however, suggest

less probable, alternative: another big gain of 20 per cent or so followed by an equally sharp fall. Now this boom-bust scenario seems much the more likely. The main reason is the feedback prices, currencies and world

economic growth. On one hand, the dollar's parabolic trajectory reflects an upsurge of international confidence in the US economy and in the American model of corporate governance. This will contribute to further gains in Wall Street and in corporate equities generally — and such gains will add, in a virtuous circle, to the world's desire to hold more dollars.

On the other hand, the abrupt weakening of the European currencies, which is the mirror image of the strong dollar, will assure a decent economic recovery in Europe and

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European currencies and the consequent return of economic competitiveness to Europe will reinforce the general state of global economic confidence and give another push to the upwards trend in stock markets from the European side.

Where does all this leave Britain and sterling? Halfway between America and Europe, Britain could enjoy the best of both worlds. The pound may rise a

little further against the mark, but should fall quite a would offer many British companies exactly what they want. London shares should, as usual, follow Wali Street, even if they do not do quite as well.

Sooner or later, no doubt these benign financial trends will get out of hand and markets will fall back to earth with a thump. Indeed, a builish stampede in the coming months could well be the final phase of the worldwide buil market that began in 1982. But before a bear market starts - and perhaps foreshadows the next recession - the bulls should enjoy another good

#### Eric Reguly on the fast-growing field of information technology

## Silent advance of the computer nerd

A Electronic Data Systems - better known as EDS, is infiltrating some of institutions Britain's biggest institutions and industries without causing a ripple. Information technology, its speciality, is an unglamorous world of computer, nerds, and contracts worth tens of millions barely. rate a press mention.

Yesterday, EDS snagged one of its biggest contracts and one that will affect every household. With Coopers & Lybrand, the management consultancy, it will standardise all of the BBC's financial systems. The ten-year confract is worth between £400 million and £500 million and will eventually see EDS and Coopers employing some 700 BBC back-office staff. The efficiency savings will allow the BBC to spend more money on programming. The "outsouring" of infor-

mation technology, in which a company hands over responsibility for the development and delivery of its information needs, is perhaps the fastestgrowing industry in Britain. Richard Holway, an independent IT analyst in Surrey, says the market has been expanding by more than 30 per cent a year in the 1990s. It was valued at £2.3 billion last year and is expected to be worth £4.8 billion or more by 2000. EDS is the biggest player. with global revenues of \$14.4

billion in 1996, net income of

\$1 billion and 100,000 employ-



ees in 42 countries. In Britain it has almost 10,000 employees, a figure expected to double

by 2000. The company was founded by Ross Perot, the plaintalking Texan whose political ambitions embraced the US Presidential campaigns of 1992 and 1996. He made himself a billionaire when he sold EDS to General Motors in 1984. EDS was spun-off from GM last year, giving it a market capitalisation of \$26 billion, and its shares are listed on the New York and London stock exchanges.

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Committee of London and is

developing computer systems for the Inland Revenue's selfassessment system, just one of several Revenue contracts worth £1.6 billion. It provides services to the Metropolitan Police, London Underground, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency and is building information systems for the Royal Navy. Rolls-Royce Aerosnace hired EDS to upgrade its customer service, supply,

ing operations. While outsourcing has become more popular, it is not new. "There is absolutely nothing different about outsourcing your information technology needs than outsourcing any other non-core activity like property manage-

engineering and manufactur-

ment or cleaning," EDS says. "It allows you to concentrate

on what you do best." The financial reasons are even more compelling. EDS and its rivals argue that, in most cases, they can provide a better service for less money because their employees live and breathe technology and know how to make the most efficient use of it. But the real attraction for a client is budget control. Information technology represents a huge variable cost in any large organisation. Computer or business system disasters, such as the introduction of new technology that takes months instead of weeks. can bleed a budget dry. Outsourcing transfers the risk

It does not always work. land Revenue rose from £1 billion to £1.6 billion, though EDS claims the higher price was needed to cover the extra services, such as the selfissessment computer systems. Royal Bank of Scotland teriminated its £100 million contract with EDS in December, less than two years after it was signed, for reasons that are not known. John Smith, the BBC's depu-

ty finance director, said the

corporation badly needed

streamlined financial and

business systems to replace literally dozens of systems covering payrolls, expense claims, payments to suppliers and the like. The systems worked at different speeds, could not communicate well with each other, were in various stages of technological decay and were incapable of giving management a snapshot of what was going on. For example, the BBC could not tell without a lot of effort how much was being spent buying tickets on individual airlines. The new system will be able to tell in a flash which airline is being used most, giving the BBC ammunition to demand

volume discounts. Mr Smith would not reveal the expected cost savings over the ten-year lifespan of the EDS-Coopers contract but they would be "substantial" and ultimately allow it to devote more resources for programming instead of overheads.

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Good age balance in business should not be confined to management level and guide employers who

From Mr Richard Worsley Sir, Graham Searjeant's comments on the prejudices against both older and younger people as board members [Gilded youth can spice up that politically correct board", February 6) are as refreshing taking and the abandonment of a rigid formula of recruitment in business.

He describes a self-defeating rigidity that leads to the Catch 22 absurdity of so many capable young people being denied opportunities because of their inexperience, while older people are being turned away because they are too

The Employers Forum on Age (EFA) exists to support

benefits of a mixed-age workforce. We would like to add two postscripts to your timely article: ☐ First, the benefits of a good balance of age apply not just to

have recognised the business

of employment. ☐ Next month the EFA will be publishing guidance on how mixed-age workforce. The report, Getting the Balance Right in Recruitment, will be available to both members and non-members. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD WORSLEY, Employers Forum on Age, Astral House, 1268 London Road, SW16.

Causes of negative equity and mortgage arrears

From the Deputy Director-General, Council of Mortgage Lenders Sir, Pennington (January 30)

rather cynically acknowledges the welcome fall in the number of possession cases reported by Michael Coogan, Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. The column correctly notes that rising prices are not producing rising possessions but the very opposite effect — which is what the CML and lenders

have long argued. However, the article does repeat yet another misheld belief which is that those in negative equity are also those in arrears. Clearly there will be some in this position but the primary causes of arrears are unemployment, financial mismanagement and relationship breakdown which can occur in any household, in any region, regardless of the equity in the property.

Negative equity and arrears are not mutually exclusive but neither is one necessarily a cause of the other. The majority of those in negative equity are not in arrears and continue, where they are able, to pay Yours faithfully.

PETER WILLIAMS, Deputy Director-General, Council of Mortgage Lenders,

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to the IT supplier.

#### BRIEFINGS

Two women who started a car rental company last February have won a £5,000 prize as the Enterprise of the Year in a competition organised by Enterprise Link in Birmingham. Alison Jones and Lynda Smith doubled the number of cars at their Chester Road depot within three months. The award was sponsored by Midland Bank.

☐ Clark Whitehill, the chartered accountants, is running a one-day masterclass on March 17 to help family and owner-managed busineses to improve business performance. The cost is £125 plus VAT. Contact Saarah Arman on

☐ A business development scheme for rural shops will be unveiled in April by the Development Board for Rural Wales. "There are around 600 independent shops in rural Wales, providing six or more jobs each," says John Taylor, the board's chief executive. They have a vital part to play in the provision of services and in the success of the rural economy." The scheme aims to boost investment in rural shops. attract young people with new ideas and promote best practise throughout the region.

☐ An employment survey has shown that 80 per cent of Britain's medium-sized businesses do not offer flexible working, such as flexitime, and 84 per cent have no job-sharing. Very few operate hotdesking, lend staff on secondment or give career breaks and sabbaticals, said the study, conducted by Continental Research for

☐ Forging closer links between educational and training establisments and business is among the five priority categories in which proposals for vocational training projects have been invited under the European Commission's 1997 Leonardo da Vinci programme.



"I take it that an election is looming?

# Banking on good advice to build a better business

By BRIAN COLLETT

The young boss of a building company received such good advice from his bank manag er that he gave him a job. Dean D'Eye was told some home truths when he arrived to discuss his business overdraft four years ago but the bank manager's blunt words worked, "Without that I'd still be running around like a nutter." said Mr D'Eve

His company is Kered - his father's first name spelt backwards and is based in Brockley. southeast London. It was in trouble at the start of 1993, yet it achieved a E3 million turnover in 1995-96 and is on course for more than £10 million in 1996-97.

Mr D'Eye's business experience began when he was eight, working for stallholders on the London street markets. When he left school at 16 he continued working on the stalls. "After a time I'd had enough of ducking and diving," he said. So he moved into the mainstream, first working with a building company and then doing a four-year stint with Lambeth borough council, during which he qualified in carpentry and gained a construction management degree through day

His next job, with another builder, convinced him to start his own business. Mr D'Eye said: "I saw the money yet they had a poor attitude to their staff and to what they were doing. They were too profit-driven and didn't have any care for the customers. I thought if I can't do better than that I need shooting"." In late 1989 he set up his refurbishment company in the spare bedroom of his house in Bermondsey with £1,000 savings.

£70,000, nearly all of which came from a house refurbishment. The orders came along but the first three years "were horrendous". He recalled: "I tried to conquer and change the construction industry overnight and during recession, and

we were losing money.

Mr D'Eye had a dispute with his bank, moved his account and asked his new bank manager for a bigger overdraft. "I was telling him how I uld solve all the poor attitudes in building, the image, skills training and presentation, and build one of the biggest companies in the industry," he said. The bank manager replied: "If you don't start planning you won't have a business in a very short time."

He agreed he had been disorganised - he had even taken the rat-catching contract at Smithfield market - and during 1993 the bank manager helped him to stabilise the business. When the bank manager was made redundant Mr D'Eye employed him as Mr D'Eye said: "With his guidance and my energy we have got the company to where it is today." Mr D'Eye, now 30 and with 45

staff, is highly critical of standards in the industry. "It is not customerfocused and training is poor. In the end the man who plasters the walls, paints the wood and hangs the doors has to have standards through training. I also insist that my offices are clean and my people are dressed tidily. And if building sites are not clean, tidy and wellmanaged, where are you? They are dangerous places." Mr D'Eye, who demands the

same standards from sub-contractors, forecasts turnover of £2 mil-



Service with a smile: David D'Eye applies the finishing touches

# Survey shows calls for export expansion are going unheeded

Exporting tips from the

Business Pages factsheet

Researching foreign markets is the key to

determining whether ex-

porting is viable. Always

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■ Visit the markets to get a

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expand into exporting appear to be falling largely on deaf ears. A survey of 500 businesses with annual turnover of less than E5 million showed that only one in three wanted to start exporting, or to increase sales abroad. . .

The survey, commissioned by Business Pages, the directory pub-lisher, was carried out by NOP last month. It showed that only 29 per cent of the companies currently export, while 68 per cent said that

nothing would encourage them into export marcrease current levels of exports. Main reasons were that businesses felt they were too small or that there were no market opportunities overseas.

Those seeking to export were usually based in the south and had turnover of at least £500,000. Far from venturing abroad, one in four businesses traded only within the limits of their county.

Researchers also found none of the companies ouestioned used government grants or export initiatives. Many were unaware assistance existed, and those that knew were often unsure

The Business Pages report is included in its latest quarterly survey, which shows confidence among small businesses is still high despite lack of enthusiasm for exporting. It coincides with another attempt by the Department of Trade and Industry to tempt small business overseas.

Anthony Nelson, the Trade minister, has published a report listing eight essential ingredients for success in overseas markets. It is based on the experiences and views

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of senior managers from 75 successiul exporting countries. Mr Nelson says: "There are no magic ingredients, but a number of factors must be taken into account to break into new markets and win business overseas, for example, having a truly international outlook, demonstrating a real king term commitment to export markets and building close, long lasting relationships with customers, agents and distributors overseus." Ian Campbell, Director-General

of the Institute of Export, says: ket is open to all businesses, re-gardless of size. Providing a company has good quality products. the manufacturing capacity to - Leisnand bruncal

umusement to business is too small to export. The key to success is to take it klowly and research your market thoroughly."

One county that has simulaied exporting is Cornwall, Manufacturing accounts for 32 per cent of, its GDP. In Pursuit of Excellence, a public and private sector initiative, makes annual awards, sponsored by Buz-clays Bank, to top

exporters. Solent Aerospace, maker of aircraft ground support equipment, was voted last year's best new exporter. John Gear, managing director, says: "With today's communications systems, it is just as easy to set up deals with customers in Thailand as in England."

Business Pages factsheet is available free by calling 0118 4506203. The DIT Equat Winners report is available from the Joint Export Promo-

#### Factors Association sees need for more tax breaks

OPPORTUNITIES

By Rodney Hobson

SMALL businesses need to be given additional tax breaks, according to the Factors and Discounters Association.

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Public Policy and British Business to reform business taxation, in particular a plan to give small businesses a higher rate of allowances that would give them extra

support in the early years. Also finding favour was the proposal that eligibility for a lower

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rate of taxation should be based on a company's performance over three years. However, the FDA said the rate should be based on profits rather than turnover, as some service companies bought in goods on behalf of clients.

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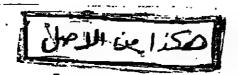
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# Low & Bonar seeks to package Kellogg's cereal in Europe

By Fraser Nelson

LOW & BONAR, the plastics and packaging company that makes all of the cartons for Kellogg's cereal sold in the UK, is seeking to take over the cereal giant's packaging busi-

nesses across Europe. The company, which bought Kellogg's two UK packaging plants five years ago, said that while the cereal giant was not directly seeking new bidders, it was conducting a general review of suppliers. Jim Heilig,

**GUS looks** 

at property

venture

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GREAT Universal Stores and British Land, the property developer, confirmed that they

were discussing a £1 billion joint venture to take over and

run most of the property portfolio owned by the mail-

The new company would take over high street retail and

office space spread across

Britain, a legacy of the days

when GUS was Britain's larg-

est retailer, allowing GUS to

obtain funds from the proper-

ties while keeping an interest

British Land announced it was

involved in a £175 million deal

with Tesco. The two com-

panies created a new jointly owned company called BLT that bought E82 million and

£93 million of property from Tesco and British Land

British Land, the UK's third

largest property conglomerate, is also one of the front-

runners to buy the married

quarters owned by the Minis-

try of Defence for £1.6 billion if

and when they are privatised

Last November, Lord Wolfson, chairman of GUS,

said that a strategic review of

the company, often seen by the

City as a sleeping giant, would

take six to nine months and

would encompass all areas of

The confirmation of the talks comes two months after

order company.

in their ownership.

Kellogg's is concerned, the whole world is up for tender at the moment. We've had a pretty good relationship with them over the past few years, and I'm sure they'd consider expanding it because they like

He said that he was optimistic about the company's chances of retaining its exclu-sive UK deal with Kellogg. which is coming up for review this year. While Low & Bonar can not lose the contact entirely, Kellogg has the option of

Regent Inns

stays buoyant

REGENT INNS, the opera-

tor of public houses and cafe

bars, has continued to enjoy

buoyant trading conditions. Yesterday it reported a rise in

pre-tax profits to £5.99 mil-

ion, from £3.5 million, in the

half-year to January 4.
The company now trades from 73 outlets, with another

12 operated under a manage

ment contract. Underlying

earnings were 5.54p a share

(3.64p) and the interim dividend is increased to 1p (0.63p).

Mr Heilig's comments came as the group, whose shares

lost a quarter of their value three months ago after a profits warning, returned flat results for the year to November 30. Pre-tax profits were slightly down at E52.3 million (E52.5 million) on sales of £420 million (£431 million). Earnings were 36.6p (36p) per share.

The silagewrap division was the worst performer, with profits £3 million behind last year. Mr Heilig said that E2

division had won a contract to supply an unnamed internaface of competition and El tional petrol staion chain with million was lost through volforecourt plastics. The deal is ume decline. He said that he expected to be worth £10 did not expect the business to million over three years. improve, but added that the In spite of the flat results,

company had no plans to sell the company lifted the total dividend from 13.2p to 13.7p, with a final 10.7p. This heart-ened the City, which had been the operation. "The margins are not nearly like what they used to be. We'll do our share - the business will grow, but expecting the worst after the it's not going to be hugely profitable," he said. profits warning. The shares rose 212p to 4192p yesterday. The plastics business in-

creased profits 17 per cent to

£10.2 million over the year.

Clive Watson, left, finance director, and David Franks, managing director, toasting another set of good results

COUNTRY CASUALS, the

beleaguered women's wear

group, is planning to sell two

of its three divisions after

being forced yesterday to issue its second profit warning in

Mark Bunce, chief execu-

tive, said KPMG Corporate

Finance is looking for buyers

for Elvi, its large-sized worn-

en's wear retailer, and for

Lerose, its manufacturing di-

three months.

**Sell-off by Country Casuals** 

By Sarah Cunningham

vision. The two businesses

employ more than 600 people.

All that will be left will be the

The group is confident of

finding buyers and does not

expect any closures. After the

sale, it plans to slim its board

structure — there are currently

three operating company boards and one holding com-

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#### TC Group wins care homes deal

TC Group, the nursing home operator that last month issued a surprise profit warning has won a tender for 16 residential homes and three day centres for the elderly and those with learning disabilities and dementia from Bedfordshire County Council.

The deal, awarded after a competitive tender, means that TC will operate 26 homes and six day centres on behalf of local authorities. Altogether, the group operates 12,000 beds in 131 care homes. The homes being transferred will provide 500 beds and the group must spend up to £10 million on refurbishment and

#### Takeover trail

Hydro-Dynamic Products has identified two possible takeover targets to add to its printing supplies businesses for about £250,000. The company made a pre-tax profit of £426,000 in the six months to November 30 after floration costs of £300,000. An interim dividend of 1.2p is due to be paid on April 4.

#### TBI deals

TBL the property investment and development company, is acquiring properties in the London area from Hampton Trust for £19.4 million. They comprise land at the Percy Street Estate in central London: Gresham House, an office building in Watford; and a retail outlet at Broadway, Muswell Hill.

#### Allen builds

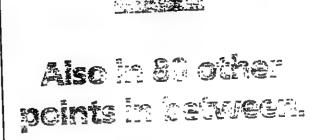
plant hire company, said its contracting business continued to see a good flow of orders, taking £21.9 million in the three months to December 31. Housing reservations were up 47 per cent.

#### Wickes move

Wickes, the UK do-it-yourself retailer, is to withdraw from its South African joint venture with Federated Blaikie as part of its strategy to refocus its business in Britain.

#### BSM buys HQ

BSM, the driving school company, is spending £1.175 million to buy its head office in



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## sual shares fell 7p to 73½ p. Gas finding boosts

Project, Australia's biggest resource venture in which BP tonnes to 80 million by 2003. Shares of Woodside Petrohas a one-sixth share, yesterday underpinned its proposed A\$6 billion (about £3 billion) expansion with the news that proven gas reserves at the site had increased by 60 per cent. to 24.4 trillion cubic feet

pre-tax profit for the year ending January 25 will be not

less than £100,000". In Nov-

ember it said profits would be

at least £1 million, compared

with £249,000 a year earlier.

Trading went well during

October and in the first half of

November, but then fell away.

Subsequent heavy discounting hit margins which, in turn, hit

operating profits. Country Ca-

leum, the project operator, jumped 18 cents, to \$9.30, on the Australian stock exchange. Woodside said that total proven gas reserves at the site had

## Australian project THE North West Shelf forecast to rise from 50 million

(writes Rachel Bridge). The expansion is aimed at the growing market in South East Asia where demand is

risen from 15.2 trillion cubic feet to 24.4 trillion cubic feet over the past year, while the probable gas reserves had increased from 18.4 trillion cubic feet to 27.4 trillion. AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER WITH

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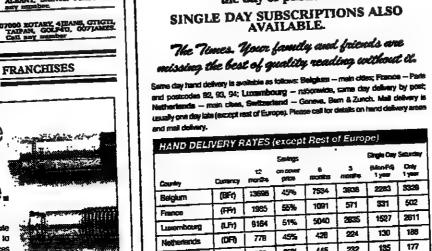
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**THEATRE** 

Kathryn Hunter has always been obsessed with Lear. Now she's the first woman in Britain to play him



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**■ TOMORROW** 

Jane Asher stars as the world of iournalism comes under the spotlight in Doug Lucie's The Shallow End

## He'll be out of Scotland afore ye

n the city there are eight million stories. In the countryside there are a whole lot more, each with a throbbing heart big enough to match any urban landscape. For it is stories that tuel the fire of country life -that is country life as in real life, where the nearest mecca is neither Ibiza nor New York, "Not even Aberdeen," as one character puts it in Duncan McLean's new play for the enterprising but resource-strapped Castlemilk People's Theatre.

The village of the title is a one-horse fown that follows the country code of minding your own business while being on intimate terms with everybody else's. Periods of prolonged isolation are dictated to by outside forces, not least by the wax jacket and tweed-wearing white settlers".

Given the sense of solitude, it is litting that the story, adapted by McLean from his own novel, is told largely through a series of doverailing monologues which complete the jigsaw left behind by its unseen protagonist, Patrick, who looked set to be one of life's passengers. Until he dis-

The recent vogue for putting contemporary Scottish novels on stage has often given only a cursory nod towards their new form. McLean is cannier and more imaginative than most, though. He is also a more experienced dramatist. So where the book is narrated by Patrick, the stage version is set a few days after the book finishes. seeking to shed new light on Patrick's vanishing by delivering it in retrospect, and showing the effect it has had

Tron Theatre, Glasgow

on the community he has left behind.

Community is the key word, for in feeling he has nothing to offer or gain from Blackden, Patrick ex-poses the divided loyalties of a generation towards what they know as home as well as to what has tempted them away. Away to where, nobody knows, not Patrick's boss, nor Shona, the girl who could have changed his mind if he had only changed hers. His best mate. Brian, could see some unspecified change in Patrick, but only Heather, the hardened Scottish Nationalist, hints at the reasons

behind the disappearance.
At first glance, Peter Madde Burns's production seems starkly untheatrical. yet as the monologues become shorter, accelerating Patrick's impending escape. it becomes clear this is a mystery of epic proportions. Performances are patchy, with only Jennifer Black's Heather having a full sense of controlled stillness. Louise Ludgare as Shona and Paul Mutch as Brian are far too prone to pacing, but maybe they, too, are looking for a way out.

The play's nearest relative is Brian Friess Faith Healer, and although lacking that play's precision, this is nevertheless a mild call to wake up, shake up, et real. For Black is no weekend retreat for picnickers. It is for life.

**NEIL COOPER** 

# Woman who would be king



athryn Hunter has been known to trail old men into Leicester supermarkets This was during an early phase in her preparation for the role of King Lear when, she confesses, "I felt too small" — she is all of 5ft. "Then, one lunch hour, there was a turning point. I saw this old man, about my size, in his eighties, and I followed him into Iceland." She jumps up, diminu-tive in black, and becomes the old man, walking with measured dignity around the Haymarket Theatre's hospitality room. "I thought, if they all parted before him now, he could be Lear. The experience helped her to jettison cliches about the physical expression of power and authority: The point is, Lear is big in spirit."

Hunter is probably the first

woman to play Lear profes-sionally, certainly in this coun-try, although there have been several female Hamlets (including Frances de la Tour in 1979), and Fiona Shaw's boyish Richard II, first seen at the National Theatre, is about to reach the television screen. Sybil Thorndike played the Fool in a production of Lear at the Old Vic. and Linda Kerr Scott turned the same role into a display of acrobatics at Stratford in 1990 to John Wood's Lear. But the title role, not only male and octogenacian, but a symbol of authoritarianism and disappointed fatherhood — isn't this too much of a challenge for a woman still in her thirties?

As she enters the final week of rehearsals, Hunter admits: "Initially 1 felt panic. There seemed a huge taboo, but it fell away as we rehearsed. To be honest, Lear feels more famillar to me than some female parts. He's not just a great giant of a man, but an expres-sion of the human spirit."

A few minutes in conversabegin to fade. Small she may be and, offstage, definitely feminine, but she has a riveting presence and an extraordinary voice - deep, resonant,

THEATRE: **Heather Neill** 

meets the actress who is getting

ready to make history as a

female Lear

even growly. Anyone who saw her play the cruel, imperious Clara in Complicite's The Visit at the National Theatre (for which she won an Olivier Award in 1991) will know that she can dominate a stage with no trouble at all. And in The Skriker, Caryl Churchill's shape changing piece, Hunter effortlessly became a series of different characters, of all ages and both sexes. Her stamina is not in question either: she was on stage throughout for her role as the castaway Susan in Complicite's touring Foe, a version of the Crusoe story codirected by Marcello Magni, who is the Fool in this production.

was Heiena Kaut-Howson, the award-win-Polish-born ning director, who invited her to play Lear. Rehearsals have been going on for a month and, by now, Hunter is seeing Lear's world from his point of view: "He thinks he is a god. but excessive and extreme as he is in this, he is just as ferocious in his quest to understand what is a human being. I admire him because he has the courage to go into the storm. He's a fighter. My feminine sense goes more easily to guilt, to emotional

softness; he fights.
"He wants to find out: what is a man? What does a have any meaning if you break connections with others?. He doesn't talk about Cordelia in the storm, but, in

must realise that he also rejected her. You can see his behaviour as arrogance. It's a double thing: grandiose and delusory on one level, but on another, the mark of a huge imagination." Nevertheless, Lear's so-called insights are not, she says, "overwhelming-ly new: love is better than hate, human justice is corruptible.

"Shakespeare seems to be saying of this world, There are no rules, no certainties. There is no security of a Christian salvation. The play is not about redemption, but about love and, even when it's there, love doesn't secure

peace and harmony." Famous for the physical quality of her acting. Hunter intends to take care not to distract from Shakespeare's language. "I'm playing him as an old man — definitely not Queen Lear — but without overcharacterising age or gender. The language can initially be alienating for the audience. but the images and reverbera-tions are extraordinary."

Kaut-Howson says: had to decide: what is our way in? We needed a startingpoint. It is like a massive stone cut a path in and you reveal things; cut a different one and you reveal others."

There was, in fact, a highly personal and emotional starting point. The director's mother died about eight months ago. "Her preoccupations were the same as Lear's obsessions: what makes humanity devour itself? What causes wars? She had lived through wars in Europe and the Middie East. At the end she was still herself, as Lear is still

himself, only more so. "Rathryn became a kind of medium. There are few other British, indeed world, actors who can encompass the diversity of notes in Lear. There is tragedy and comedy - grotesque, Bosch-like comedy. ways present in her comedy and comedy in her drams."

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## Hamlet – the bottom line

have of late - but where-fore I know not - lost all I my mirth, forgone all custom of exercise; and indeed it goes so heavily with my disposition that this goodly frame, the earth, seems to ne a sterile promontory.

The reason is plain to see: I have just sat through four hours and a bit in Stygian darkness, with only one pause for relief (in both senses), and that only 15 minutes long. You ask what torture chamber l have fallen into? I reply, grozning and rubbing my sore bottom - Kenneth Branagh's complete film Hamlet And when I say complete, I mean it (groaning again), for every word of Shakespeare's play is spoken. And what is so groan-making about Shakespeare's glorious words? Nothing, nothing at dl. The groaning comes in

Branagh's film. I have no quarrel with the updating: Shakespeare has been played in every time. But Branagh seems to believe that if he hires a couple of hundred famous players and sprinkles them over some monumental ly awful scene, he will be in the running for President. And I am hardly joking to hire such great players as John Gielgud and John Mills, and then give them no words to speak, looks like half-barmy childish vanity. And, still on the vanity side, Branagh has roped in Richard Attenborough for the minute part of the English Ambassador, for the perfectly ridiculous part of Hecuba, Branagh has called in Judi Dench, no less, also to play a part that has no words to speak: Rosemary Harris, with nothing but the Player Queen: Gérard Depardieu as Reynaldo: er ... Charlton Heston, Jack Lemmon, Charlie Chaplin, the Prince of Wales, the Sex Pistols, Art Garfunkel, Nigel Dempster, Frank Bru-no, O. J. Simpson, all those poor people in Albania who have been swindled, and of course Ned Sherrin. Well, it seemed like it.

But what about my bottom? was not joking when I said that the four hours of agony I endured were not worth the money, and I got in free. But the first fear came from the very first words of Shakespeare: "Who's there?" and the reply "Nay, answer me. **SECOND OPINION: Four hours** 

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stand and unfold yourself". You and I would expect those familiar words from Bernardo and Francisco, and there they were but for Branagh it was not enough he had to have Bernardo and Francisco hurl themselves to the ground, crashing their pikes to the floor in case the enemy (what enemy?) had taken over.

A trifle. But it was also an nen. An omen that told us that we were going to have huge quantities of noise. Noise and heavy breathing, shouting and yelling, smash-ing the furniture, with hardly a square inch of glass left over, until I thought I would

burst, swearing.
Sometimes I thought that

Branagh believed he was on a real stage, and all those people were three-dimensional. Would that they had been. Had nobody told Branagh that Shakespeare does not go well in film? There is something dangerous in the flat-ness of film Shakespeare, and when it goes on for four hours without a stop — well, my bottom, oh my bottom! (That reminds me. There are three or four flashes of real beautiful nakedness in the film; whether Kate Winslet - she was the Ophelia — did it, or a girl hired for the purpose I do not know. But I wish I did.)

Anyway, even Branagh was from time to time stymied, and had to dance to a tiresome tune. Two or three times, the

was entirely filled by a pair of Hos (visitors of a delicate nature, close your eyes) together with teeth, gums and gullets. I never discovered

that all that was to mean. A right stumer, then? Not entirely, of course. There were good things too; how could something so enormous not turn out a reasonable quantity of goodies? First, as I think everyone will agree, was the superb Derek Jacobi as Claudius, and running him a close second comes Richard Briers as Polonius. Few Poloniuses can resist the lure of making Polonius far too absurd, but Briers's Polonius is perfectly balanced. Branagh himself was not at all bad, but a man who is trying to make an entire four-hour, every-word play and play in it can hardly scale the heights. In the end, I gave it my

greatest accolade my bum had stopped aching.

THE STREET STORTS OF A guide to the best available recordings, presented with Radio 3

MAHLER'S DAS LIED VON DER ERDE Reviewed by Edward Sackerson

Das Lied von der Erde has been described as "a yin-yang symphony", a symphony of songs, a song of two singers and of two cultures. Chinese poetry. Viennese sensibility. But the philosophy of Yin and Yang - negative and positive, dark and light, feminine and masculine — is at the heart of everything Mahler wrote. Das Lied von der Erde seeks and finds balance and harmony in contradiction. It's about endings and beginnings, loss and affirmation, decay and renewal, the bitterness of dying, the ecstasy of being alive. Which makes it elusive, now

and forever. The tenor role is the defiant opening movement The Drinking Song of Earth's Sorrow — requiring a lyric voice with weight and reach. A Siegmund as opposed to a Tristan. Except, of

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course, that in a recording it is possible to contrive favourable balance for lighter than ideal voice. Fritz Wunderlich, in the Klemperer recording on EMI, was just such a voice, and his periormance has become something of a benchmark. But glorious though it is, the world weariness and/or irony of the texts somewhat elude him. Not so the wily veteran Julius Patzak problematic -- particularly in in the classic Bruno Walter recording on Decca. This remains one of the

treasures of the gramophone. not least for the presence of Kathleen Ferrier. Just the sound of that voice touches

something deep inside us. Ferrier may not sing it as well as Christa Ludwig for Klemperer (EMI) or Janet Baker for Haitink (Philips) or Leppard (BBC Classics), and she doesn't lay bare the text as does Brigitte Fassbaender for Giulini (DG). But each of these great singers is to some extent compromised by her conductor. Walter, Mahler's disciple, is completely at one with the temperament of the music. Only Leonard Bernstein (Decca 452 301-2, midprice, £9.99) unlocks its volatility as he does. He too, has the advantage of Mahler's orchestra, the Vienna Philharmonic, though his preference here is for the baritone option - the poet as opposed to mother earth personified. That Dietrich Fischer-Dieskan gives one of the most illuminating, heartstopping performances of his distinguished career is enough to sway me in Bernstein's favour. But you must have Ferrier too.

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The National Gallery in Washington celebrates Ford Madox Brown

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# Quick change artist

The Tate's Lovis Corinth show pays overdue tribute to a stubborn

individualist, says Richard Cork

hen Lovis Corinth suffered a severe stroke in the winter of 1911, his career as a leading German artist seemed to be over. Left with a partial paralysis hampering both his hands, he found himself unable to paint for almost a year. At the age of only 53, the future looked intolerable.

But Corinth was a fighter. Prone to depression and a heavy drinker, he nevertheless forced himself to work. And the style he developed. far wilder and more openly impassioned than before, ensured that his final 14 years were his finest. This plays a decisive part in explaining why Germany now ranks him as an outstanding painter.

in Britain, by contrast, he re-mains almost unknown. Although London gave the young artist his first significant acclaim when the Royal Academy awarded him a bronze medal in 1894, he has never been granted a substantial exhibition here. So the Tate Gallery's fullscale retrospective, opening on Thursday after a major European and American tour, should prove a landmark event.

Why has he been so neglected? Part of the answer may lie in a long-standing English resistance to German art. Even today the most revered German painters, from Caspar David Friedrich to Max Beckmann, are poorly represented by British galleries. Another stumbling-block may well be the convulsive change which Corinth's art underwent. He spans two centu-ries, and his early painting could hardly be further removed from the images he produced in audacious old age. His career as a whole lacks an easily graspable identity. Never content to settle for an acceptable formula, he produced an energetic and fiercely ambitious body of work punctuated with surprises.

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Just how capable the young Corinth was of painting with academic skill is proved by his first surviving self-portrait in oils. Executed between 1887 and the following year, when he was approaching his thirtieth birthday, it is a small yet penetrating image. Sporting an extravagant inoustache, the correctly dressed artist looks sober and intent. The picture may have been painted in Berlin, where Corinth tried to establish himself, but he

had yet to find his individual voice. His father's death in 1889 asprivate income. He settled in Munich, and soon became prominent among the young dissidents. But Corenth's work could not be described as single-minded. He darted combinarity, from Impres-sionist-indicenced views of woodland and the prospect from his studio windows to grand figure compositions spiced with sensuality and satire.

The most prophetic paintings, in terms of his future development, were small canvases based on abattoirs and butchers' shops. Their lack of obvious refinement shocked some viewers: even one supportive critic confessed that metimes one is tempted not to look for fear of having to smell What one sees".

For the moment, though, he falled to pursue the implications of painting as a form of slaughter. Maybe he enjoyed himself too much in Munich, frequenting bacchanalian balls and indulging in the raucous drinking that eventually halled to undergraphs he has been been been to be the balls hall be her to be the balls. ly helped to undermine his health.

the painting which really established his reputation. a large composition inspired by Oscar Wilde's notorious play Salome, is filled with salacious aggression. While the bare-breasted seductress leans over the Baptist's severed head and pushes his left eye open with a bejewelled finger, the leering executioner looks on still clasping his blood-smudged sword. Flagrantly provocative in its splicing of lechery and violence, the picture won Corinth immediate acciaim when he exhibited it in Berlin in 1900. The success persuaded him to move

to the city the following year.

Corinth thrived in Berlin, winning critical admiration, seiling. well and becoming with his new wife a darling of society. So the blow delivered by his stroke in December was doubly devastating. For a prolific artist who had rejuced in his own inventiveness and dynamic facility, the frustration must have been appalling. Physical debilitation engendered a grave spiritual crisis, and he be-

came haunted by terrible dreams. When he finally managed to resume painting, the outcome was a monumental, terrifying expression of all his pent-up misery and rage. He called this nightmarish canvas The Blinded Samson, but it is in reality an anguished selfportrait. Edging forward with manacied hands, and blood still streaming from his gouged eye-sockets, the helpless figure is forced



"Flagrantly provocative in its splicing of lechery and violence": Salome, First Version (1899) was the work that established Lovis Corinth's reputation in Berlin

little figures in glass compart-

10.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

until March 19.

to stoop and stumble. At the same time, though, Samson's determination should not be underestimated. He is still defiantly set on struggle, not acceptance of defeat. Corinth was equally obstinate. To paint a picture as forceful as The Blinded Samson after a year of paralysis was an extraordinary teat. Crude it may have appeared after the virtuosity of his previous work, but the urgently applied

brushstrokes have a raw power. Like many Germans, Corinth prected the advent of the First World War with patriotic defiance. But only a year later he painted an old man in armour, helmet doffed and leaning heavily on his lance as if exhausted by the conflict already. Even so, he did not allow his country's humiliation to affect his own obstinate ebullience. He and his wife built a house in Upper Walchensee which prompted the ageing artist to embark on a rapturous series of lakeside images over the next six years.

Despite his love of Rembrandt and Rubens, the old man was reinventing his style with a freshness akin to the Expressionist generation. That is why the Nazis branded him an evil influence. The boldness of Corinth's late paintings was unacceptable to the Fascists, who suppressed many of his major

CHITYPESS Mercifully, the artist himself did not live to suffer from their purges. In 1925 Corinth died of lung inflammation in Amsterdam. But his reputation has continued to grow, and the Tate retrospective will ensure that his stubbornly individual achievement is honoured in Britain at last. Lovis Corinth at the Tate Gallery

MUCH of Patrick O'Reilly's new show comes from a showing in Dublin where some of the animated pieces were so enthusiastically set in motion by child visitors that figures have had to be replaced. But there is still a whole lot of shakin' going on. The

ments in Quiet Desperation twitch and judder disturbingly. and elsewhere parts start to move when you least expect it. The comments on the human condition have a certain tonic asperity, but, like Gulliver's Travels, even O'Reilly's nastiest pieces can, looked at with child-like candour, come over as innocent fancies. Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street. WI (0171-734 3558) Mon-Fri

#### AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ THE word "colourful" tends to come up a lot in relation to art of vaguely Middle Eastern, vaguely Islamic origin. It is often a tactful way of saying "garish". But Samira Abbassy, Iranian by birth, British by upbringing, and cosmopolitan in experience, has the true colourist's ability to make canvases glow with unexpected and daring harmonies, without setting over-delicate souls aflutter. If you want to be transported to the other side of the rainbow, Abbassy is the painter to do it. Mercury Gallery, 26 Cork Street, WI (0171-734 7800) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 10am-12.30pm, until March 1.

THE Piccadilly Gallery has long been known as a specialist in Symbolist art, so the current exhibition of Beigian Drawings 1880-1930 should come as no surprise. The half-century in question was the heyday of Belgian art, and most of its practitioners were touched by the Symbolist movement. Several of the best-known are featured here, including Ensor, Khnopff, Del-vaux and Spilliaert. It is interesting, too, to encounter some later, more modern artists like Maurice Langaskens and Anto Carte. Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork Street, WI (0171-629 2875) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1pm, until March 7.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

## American home for Victorian values

Cita Stelzer on how Washington is celebrating 19th-century British art

The National Gallery's exhibition of more than 60 Victorian paintings (17 from the Tate) comes at a time when America is in a period of self-congratulatory exuberance - irrational exuberance, according to Federal Reserve Bank chairman Alan Greenspan - that is truly Victorian itself, "Confident, forward looking, expansive" is how the press release from the National Gallery characterises the Victorians: there could be no better description of fullemployment America today.

Americans are new admirers of what Gertrude Himmelfarb calls Victorian virtues and Margaret Thatcher came to call Victorian values. Prodded by Himmelfarb and others. Americans are coming to see in a rebirth of the virtues of Victorian Britain - hard work, self-reliance, shame, and family — the solution to many of America's social

Ford Madox Brown's great painting, Work, on loan from the Manchester City Art Gal-leries, most unabashedly shows the viewer what it is that the British admired. All of the remembered best of British society is captured in this the analogy to Workfare to painting the self-esteem that

comes from honest, get-your-hands-dirty work; the value of the individual; deep religious convictions (a proper young lady clutching a tract); and even, all for the same price. Thomas Carlyle looking on with approval. Brown elsewhere refers to Carlyle as the brainworker, equating the elite intellectual with the navvy digging a trench to ensure Hampstead's water supply. All in a single picture. Social responsibility is also

well represented: some of the rich in Work are actively holding Temperance pamphiets. Several other paintings in this exhibition attest to the importance to the Victorians of the combination of individual and social responsibility. Herkomer's Eventide, painted in 1877 and borrowed from Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery, draws us into a female workhouse where indigent elderly women receive housing and food in exchange for

work: call it Workfare. The work is dignified, the atmosphere kind. A group of women gathers in one corner for tea: one looks up from her book to stare peacefully into the distance. It is not straining Suggest that Herkomer was the British curator of this



Ford Madox Brown's Work, highlight of the show at Washington's National Gallery

depicting a situation in which the safety net was adequate. but not so generous as to encourage permanent reliance on it: Herkomer's bleak interior is not one that encourages the workers to make the workhouse a permanent

Among the few portraits is the subtle and mysterious fulllength portrait of Carlyle by Whistler (from the Glasgow Museums). Malcolm Warner, exhibition and curator of paintings and sculpture at the Yale Centre for British Art, says that Carlyle's "religion of work" embodies many of the ideals of Victorian Britain. Carlyle, the catalogue tells us, "tried to salvage the idea of ... a social order in the face of the more sceptical, democratic, and materialistic trends

of modern British life". The other portrait of singular interest is of the stillundiscredited, then-Royal

Family by Winterhalter. Like many Victorian pictures, this depiction of the Duke of Wellington (in his grand uniform) presenting a gift to one of Queen Victoria's infant sons combines many elements: importance of the family, the monarchy and the army. Just in case the viewer were to forget the role of progress, one of the central elements of Victorian life, the Crystal Palace, looms in the background. Victorian painting has long for being, among other things, moralising in its representations. But these days, at least in Britain and America, morality. individual responsi-bility, the dignity of work and the virtues of dignified behavour are all once again in style. Civility is trendy; so, too, is Victorian modesty.

Some of these pictures are moralising: William Holman Hunt's spectacular Awakening Conscience probably has had more metaphors read into it than most. But the realism and the morality tales are there to be read by 20thcentury viewers, just as they were indeed read by Ruskin. who, in a letter to this newspaper (cited in the catalogue) said: There will not be found one [painting] as powerful as this to meet full in the front the moral evil of the age."

The mounting of this monuental survey is an indication of the resurgence of interest in things Victorian, even among us colonials. The exhibition will not travel. So, as President Johnson liked to say, 'y'all come". It's easier and probably cheaper to get to Washington to see these treasures than it is to trek around Britain to their widely scattered but properly permanent homes.

● The Victorians - British Paiming 1837-1901 is at the National Gallery, Washington DC 1001 202 737 4215) until May 11

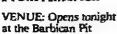


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Corin Redgrave heads a fine cast in The General From America





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As good as new: Graham Vick's staging of Figaro's Wedding returns to the Coliseum



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# Perfect nuptial harmony

GRAHAM VICK'S production has not always fared happily in revival, but last Friday's performance showed it in what is surely its best state since it was new in 1991. Now in the care of Emma Jenkins, the comedy came up as bright and sharp as Richard Hudson's defiantly colourful decor, which wears extremely well. And it is comedy arising from the text, in this case the Sams translation, which wears equally well. Jenkins treats Vick's one doubtful

OPERA

Figaro's Wedding Coliseum

idea — the lumbering "night for day" conceit in the last act — with great tact, nudging it along without appearing to

The cast is nicely balanced, though Janice Watson's Countess cannot help dominating it, so beautiful is her singing, so commanding her impersonation - a long-breathed Dove sono was a moment to freasure. Her attitude to Nerys Jones's wide-eyed Cherubino is openly amorous rather than solici tous, but there is not much risk involved: when this Cherubino tries to tumble her in the garden, he goes about it in quite the wrong way - so much for sex education in 18th-century Seville. Robert Poulton is one of those people who makes the very act of singing seem the most natural thing in the world: his sly but charmingly stupid Count is just about perfect as an impersonation.

There are two really lively performers below stairs: the mercurial Rebecca Caine (Susanna) saving her best vocal-



Burnished marital comedy: Janice Watson, Jonathan Summers, Rebecca Caine and Robert Poulton

for a sweetly phrased Deh vieni -love song rather than big tease - and Jonathan Summers (Figaro), naughtily mixing some Dent in with the Sams and not quite disguising the fact that the role lies uncomfortably low for a Verdi baritone. He will doubtless tighten the focus in the last act as the

run progresses.
John Connell's lugubrious, wonder-

fully sung Bartolo, John Graham Hall's Basilio (a stick insect in shocking pink) and Richard Van Allan's crisply projected Antonio are absolutely first-rate. Thora Einarsdottir could perhaps mix a little vinegar into her cute Barbarina, just as Anne Mason aiready does into her warmly maternal Marcellina.

In the pit, Nicholas Kok encourages

an agile, fleet-footed Mozart sound from the band and some nice vocal embellishments. His speeds are brisk, with moments of knife-edge ensemble. but the action is pretty knife-edge after all. The performance romps along. A satisfying and enjoyable

RODNEY MILNES

CONCERTS: Thrilling to some murderous modern urges; plus Schubert behind closed doors

## Stravinsky for all seasons | The boy wonder

IF A marketing agency — or in this case Radio 3 - were looking for a way to sell 20thcentury music, Stravinsky's Rite of Spring is the answer to . violence, a universal storyline, a clear mission statement. It has the sort of invasive, visceral rhythms that can infect and jost a whole audience. It is disruptive, but seductively so: after the Dance of the Earth in

Bouler's performance with the BBC Symphony Orchestra on Sunday night, enjoyment was mixed with a very English embarrassment; people don't know what to do with their physical excitement, guilty at being swept along by the music's murderous urges. It also has the beauty of brevity: life, death and rebirth, in iust haif an hour. All this. and The Rite of Spring re-mains an inviolable masterpiece, a work which changed

music forever. So it was the only possible opener to Radio 3's three-year BBCSO/Boulez Festival Hall

their dreams. It has sex, retrospective of 20th-century music, Sounding the Century, not to their Stravinsky festival, Rites of Spring. For this, The Nightingale in its opera version was chosen. Stravinsky's "lyric tale" based on Andersen's fairy-tale has the advantage of enacting the composer's sudden progress from student of Rimsky-Korsakov to the composer of The Firebird, Petrushka and The Rite of Spring. But while the orchestral

colouring springs into exocic life in the Emperor's palace, it the first act which is dramatically effective with its mournful fisherman, given a touching performance by Wolfgang Bilmen. The action then becomes too telescoped to be convincing, the music ultimately anti-climactic and here sounding a little lacklustre.

The King of the Stars, however, was a rare treat: this six-minute cambita for vast ing insurmountable intonation problems. But the BBC

Symphony male chorus made light work of their majora minor thirds, sounding gether, and often at tonal odds with the orchestra, in this beguiling processional whose eerie soundworld prefigures The Rite brought out an energy and exactness from the

BBC Symphony Orchestra lacking in The Nightingale. Horns were blazing, winds took flight and there were distinguished string solos Boulet gave us a thrilling Dance of the Earth, but other tempos were steady, and his Sacrificial Dance never quite threw off the consciousness of an individual death amid the blood frenzy.

HELEN WALLACE | nerve as in the voice of

NOT a word on poster or in listing, but the Wigmore Hall-was full to overflowing to hear forces and male chorus has lan Bostridge sing Die Schöne acquired a reputation for have Müllerin. This was a secret replacement recital for all

> seemed, was too long to wait. The Wigmore had already shown that it can programme this cycle twice in one week and still sell out the baritone Matthias Gorne had, with pianist Graham Johnson, sung a thrillingly fierce and angry version only five days earlier. Bostridge has his own following: those who find this willowy young tenor irresistible in this cycle of young and

those let down when Bostridge

fell ill in January. Another

date was booked (and still is)

for March 25; but that, it

unrequited love. As Peter Schreier and Peter Pears have shown, there is a uniquely moving quality in the tenor register itself in this work. Seldom, though, has it touched such a raw adolescent

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Another fine mess

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**MEARS** 

Yony Girling, the Law Society Presi-dent, and his associates are now well

into the second half of their term of office. Can the establishment repeat the

narrow victory achieved by its candidates

Robert Sayer and I will be standing again and if we can't win this time, we probably

can't win at all. The old regime will have

shown that despite all the gripings out in the

sticks, solicitors are, after all, a conservative

bunch and will nearly always opt for the devil

Mr Girling had a difficult hand to play in last sumer's election campaign. It was easy

enough to bang on about Mears and Sayer as

extremists and mavericks. This he and his supporters had been saying from the very start. Many solicitors believed them. Even so, the profession's dislike of Chancery Lane ran

so deep that to see the mavericks safely off would take a more inspiring call than "Vote

for the old Law Society you know and love. Bring back

In the event, the electorate were wooed with the more ap-

pealing message, "Buggins Is a reformed character. He has

learnt his lesson. Trust him

again and he will astound you

with his deeds," That was the

message and it worked.
So what has happened since last July? Is it possible that Homo Chancervensis really has been born again, that those who have toiled so complaction.

ently in the great committee

mili for so many years have

Privately, the Bourbons admit that things have not been going well. The Regis computer scandal finally broke in De-

cember with the publication of the indepen-

dent consultants' report. The report presented

a devastating picture of mismanagement at

the Law Society over a period of years.

Then we had the Solicitors Indemnity

Fund (SIF), which within a matter of months

twice miscalculated professional indemnity

premiums (in the second instance, having to

send out a demand for a supplementary

contribution). As though this were not

enough, the SIF has just announced a further

miscalculation. The SIF failed to take

sufficient account of the impact of claims

arising from conveyancing transactions in the early 1990s and will need to fund these

through a hike in premiums that many firms

From the day we joined the Law Society Council, Sayer and I, of course, never stopped

complaining that the society was badly man-

aged and was profligate. We kept on saying

also that if conveyancers were forced to work

at uneconomic rates, they would make mis-takes, mistakes for which the whole pro-

aiready find crippling.

undergone metamorphosis?

business As usual".

they know, whatever his blunderings.

last year?

Frances Gibb on a damages case that illustrates the shortcomings of civil courts



Chancellor painted a vision of civil justice at the millennium. Legal services in Britain would no longer be dominated by lawyers, or the courts, Instead, a plethora of other providers will enter the market. The insurance industry in particuiar wili assume a key role in widening access to justice, just () as is happening in the health service. Market forces, and the

vices are on offer. The speech by Lord Mackay of Clashfern to the Consumers' Association mapped out the final phases of the revolution he set in train with the Courts and Legal Services Act 1989. That Act ended the legal profession's monopolies and opened up new ways - such as "no win, no fee" work - of

legal services being offered. Now, he sees things going further. Lawyers and others offering legal services will be forced to move to a system of fixed prices quoted "up front". The legal establishment had shown a "reluctance, some might say cultural distaste, for dealing openly and frankly with economic incentives". As a result, Lord Mackay said, they had fostered "peverse incentives" which had made civil justice unaffordable.

Now, Lord Mackay favours further moves towards a system of fixed prices. Lord.

legal plans

power. Again by convention,

the post goes to a barrister.

The obvious candidate for At-

torney-General is the shadow,

John Morris, QC. But what of

Solicitor-General? Lord Williams of Mostyn would be a

good choice but for his peer-

break with tradition and ap-

point from the upper house.

MORE THAN half the Bris-

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claims against law firms list-

ed for a group hearing at the High Court next week have

now settled, according to the

Law Society Gazette. Of 85

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Labour's

ber of the Bar.

Woolf's civil justice reforms, with its new "fast track" for claims of up to £10,000; will do this to some extent, Lawyers will have to quote fees in advance and then keep to strict timetables. The Legal Aid Board wants the same approach in big legal-aid civil cases, with lawyers costing

One result, Lord Mackay predicts, is that fixed pricing

demolition workers.

The couple were awarded damages of £29,687, but still have

not received a single penny

clients, setting quality standards to ensure individuals get a good standard of service.
"I see no reason why the private litigant should not enjoy the same relationship with an 'intelligent purchaser'

in the private sector," he says. The vision of wider access to justice is welcome. But it looks a long way off compared with the reality of civil justice - or sometimes injustice - today. The case of Stan and Hilary Wells is a case in point. It is almost ten years since Mr and Mrs Wells awoke to the crashing of a demolition crane at

. The removal of the adjacent property structurally weakened the Wellses' own home, caused cracking and gradual deterioration with extensive damage through damp penetration. Now, nine years later, their home is in a very poor state of repair, with extensive damp, peeling and stained wallpaper. The couple took the garage owners to court. They, in turn, lodged actions against architects and engineers they consulted over the demolition.

It was not until May 1996 that

the Wells's case came to court

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# Little house of horrors

London. Mr Wells recalls:

We heard this noise and there

was one of those cranes practi-

cally coming through into our bedroom wall." The adjoining terraced property had deterio-

rated and was being pulled

down. No prior notice was

been given by the garage

owners whose property it was.

each stage of a case.

private sector, will increasing-ly determine what legal ser-

will draw in the insurance industry. Insurers could become bulk buyers of lawyers' services on behalf of their

The Wellses found themselves looking through a gaping hole at the side of their house at the It was the start of a longdrawn-out fight for damages.

delayed. As the judge put it, the Wellses had been "failed".
Judge H. M. Crush said: The failure to identify all areas of expert coinion and to arrange exchange of comprehensive reports well in advance of trial has resulted in a protracted exchange of views expressed largely orally at trial with experts being called

was separated from the other

third-party proceedings, which are still awaiting trial.

And even then, the court found

that the case was "not well

Amendments, and last-

minute production of expert

evidence, meant that the case

had to be heard on a number

of dates over two months. As a

result, judgement was also

prepared".

to reply."

The Wellses were awarded damages against the defendants of £29,687. That was in May 1996. They have still not received one penny. The defendants appealed and because of the delays, the Wellses were ordered to bear 25 per cent of

the costs. Their solicitors. Rowe Radcliffe, have assured them this will not have to come out of their pockets. The firm is sympathetic to the delay as they have suffered. But it points out that had the action not been separated from the allied claims, they might still be waiting for it to be heard.

In the meantime, their damages are being held by the Legal Aid Board (the Wellses

# - and only then because it

GEORGE STAPLE, the Serinity Fund, only 35 remain. ous Fraud Office's outgoing director, is being tipped to The claims arose against solicitors who acted for the take over as Treasury Solicisociety as well as for buyers tor - and head of the Governduring the property boom. When the market collapsed, the society had to repossess ment Legal Service - a post traditionally held by a memmany properties. The society It became vacant after the alleges conveyancing errors and also says law firms sudden death of Michael Saunders. Labour, meanshould have warned it of any while, is having problems over who might fill its own law-officer posts if it wins prospective bad risks.

Catty

THE LENGTHS to which clients will go to signal their approval of a law firm's image revamp are quite remarkable. Sue Silvey, Os-

borne Clarke's marketing manager, tells in Professional Marketing magazine of a near-hysterical reaction to the firm's decision to change its corporate identity by creating

a sleck big-cat logo.

She writes "Many clients wrote congratulatory letters including puns which alluded to 'purfiect vision', 'catatonic', 'cat-chy' and 'fat cats'. Tins of cat food arrived from one contact and fake leopard skin material from another."

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pupillages, which has been going for a year now, has identified one applicant who received 12 of the coveted offers for pupillages out of just 20 applications. No mean achievement, given that 1,436 of the 1,801 applicants did not get any offers at all in the init-ial Pach selection round.

Pupillage boost

A BAR COUNCIL report into

the clearing house scheme for

The report, by a group led by Stephen Kramer, QC, calls for improvements to the system, which last year failed to allocate 320 of the 848 pupilages on offer. The main recommendation is for more restrictions on the number of pupillages for which applicants can apply, which would have the effect of spreading pupillage offers among more applicants.

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for the Law Society itors Indemnity Fund. The establishment has reacted predictably to the Regis and SIF debades. Regis, it is said, was one of yesterday's mistakes, but appropriate lessons have been learnt, etc., etc. So will any of the people involved be disciplined? No. no - that would affect staff

morale. What's done is done. And what about the SIF and the premium increases? Nothing to worry about there. cither. The whole matter is being investigated by a committee, which at the time of writing will be made up mainly of present or former

directors of the S1F. Everywhere, indeed, the old habits and the old culture are reasserting themselves. The other day, the council approved the addition of 61 names to the staff head count. Was it only nine months ago that the new Secretary-General was solemnly briefed on the necessity to reduce staff numbers? And then there is

the fierce battle being waged over the proposed high street starter kit (one of the "flagship" proposals from Girling's election manifesto). This is a computer package designed for smaller firms and which the Law Society (expert purveyors of IT systems) is trying to create itself. This Son of Regis, it is plain to almost every outside observer, is doomed to failure and to be yet another financial fiasco.

Until the other day, I thought Regis and the rest were mere routine establishment blunders. Now, I begin to think that the Old Guard have a death wish. How else to

explain their emasculation of my motion to council that the Law Society, when seeking outside advice, should instruct solicitors rather than trotting off to counsel in its usual fashion? How else does one explain the newly issued "staff guidelines" that would expose junior staff members to "disciplinary sanc-tions" for giving information of the type that allowed the Regis scandal to see the light of day? How could anyone be so politically crass as to appoint Sayer to the deputy treasureship then to push him overboard when he began to make waves?

o what will the old 'uns put in their election manifesto? I know. They will tell us what a quiet year it has been council rallying loyally behind the leadership, no noisy rows, no public denunciations of the current office-holders by their predecessors, the President popping in on the Lord Chancellor, where his representations are heard respectfully and ignored respectfully ... business as usual.

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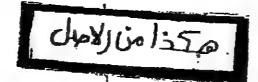
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With a contingency fee, there is

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through a settlement or verdict, the

lawyer's fee is based on a part -

typically a third - of the recovery.

So the payoff can be enormous.

are worth the money they charge because judges are the only regula-

tor on a practice that is open to

When, for example, George Fleming, a Houston trial lawyer,

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(about £66 million) in fees and

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The multimillion fees

James D. Zirin reports on America's

extraordinary contingency payouts

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common law sanctions against the

criminal act of champerty, once considered the foulest practice

The concept, originally applied

both to lawyers and non-lawyers, is the sale of an interest in a lingation

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carry on the battle at his risk and

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proceeds - the very soul of a

fixed by statute until 1848, when procedural codification decided

that compensation was by agree-ment with the client, unless re-

strained by law. This was inter-

preted to exempt lawyers from champerty and laid the foundation

for contingency fees at first in personal injury and then in other forms

Though most countries in the world, including England, usually regard contingency fees as detracting from the Bar's independence.

the arrangement has become a

permanent feature of America's

legal landscape. Its proponents

claim that it is the only way that a

poor person with a meritorious

claim can afford a lawyer and gain access to the courts. The American system traditionally has champi-

of litigation.

in America, lawyers' fees were

contingency fee arrangement.

known to the law.

settlement of a leaky pipe case brought by 37,000 homeowners against Shell Oil, Hoechst Celanese

and DuPont, the Texas judge could

not find enough words to express his displeasure. Mr Fleming had based his fee application on 40 per

cent of the cash recovery and 40 per

cent of the discounted value of the

new plumbing that defendants

promised to install as part of the

settlement. The result was a fee

request amounting to more than 64

per cent of the cash portion of the

settlement package. By contrast, lawyers who settled a related each

action for \$950 million on behalf of 23,000 homeowners were awarded

\$83 million in fees and expenses.

The fee figure amounted to 8 per

in the nation practice in Texas.

Joseph Jamail, one of the industry

leaders, is best remembered for

collecting \$10.7 billion for Pennzoil

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America did not always have

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Chirac set up a sweeping review of all that is unjust

Action is to be

taken to make

France's legal

system efficient

and just, says

Adam Sage

judges but also of journalists.

academies and philosophers. It has been charged with suggesting

ways of reinforcing judicial

Observers believe that it will call

for an end to the Justice Ministry's

role in nominating state prosecu-

tors and for a new law preventing

the Government from telling pros-

ecutors when - and when not - to

The commission has also been

instructed to indicate ways of

reinforcing the presumption of

innocence". With no contempt of

court law in France, newspapers are free to report on criminal

investigations and cases, detailing

the prosecution argument against

a defendant. As the only constraint

faced by journalists is the risk of a

subsequent libel action, suspects are often portrayed as guilty long

launch inquiries.

Trench justice is in crisis. Corruption scandals, political interference, underfunding and inefficiency have combined to sap confidence in a system that dates back to the French Revolution in 1789.

It was for this reason that President Jacques Chirac decided to launch a sweeping review of France's criminal and civil courts last week, and to underline the importance of his decision he nced his plans in a televised speech. During his 20 months in office, he has made one other similar broadcast only, and that was when he announced he was ending national service.
"The time has come," be said, "to

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oned the rights of the underdog. But the results have not always

been satisfactory.
In certain kinds of litigation.

where there may be a special need

to protect the interests of beneficia-

ries, courts have sought to evolve

criteria for regulating the size of contingency fees. These have in-cluded an evaluation of the difficul-

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contemporaneous records and the

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usually do not question contin-

gency fees because they are a mat-

ter of private agreement between

fee structures. The real issue is not

contingency fees themselves but the

ethical and economic aspects of

lawyers, who owe their clients an

obligation of the utmost good faith,

setting fees based solely on risk

sharing or time spent without re-

gard to utility to the client when

other alternatives may be available

After all, litigation is supposed to be for the benefit of the litigants, as

well as the community at large, not

● The author, a trial lawyer, is a senior partner in Brown & Wood, a New York law firm.

ow there is a fashion for

close scrutiny of what

lawyers do, particularly

of how they devise their

In most cases, however, judges

represented by the fee.

attorney and client.

fix a great ambition for our justice. to re-establish the principles on which it rests and modernise its structure, and to adapt the system for our times." The words may have sounded grandiose, but M Chirac knew that he had to calm public anger over a system that is often seen as partisan and incom

At the heart of their anger is the olitical sleaze that over the past few years has affected both the Socialists when they were in power and more recently the centre-right parties which have been in power since 1993.

Both the left-wing and the right-wing parties have tried to stop or to slow down investigations into political corruption by putting pressure on France's state prosecutors whose role is to initiate criminal inquiries, which are then taken over by investigating magistrates with the help of the police.

Under the Socialist Govern ment, the Ministry of Justice rode oughshod over supposed judicial independence and ordered the country's state prosecutors not to act on embarrassing information. The right-wing Gaullists have been more subtle, nominating prosecutors who share their political views and promoting others who are seen as obedient to the Government. The result, however, is the same. M Chirac said: "Suspicions remain about the independence of magistrates with regard to the political authorities."

His response was to set up the French equivalent of a Royal Commission — a 21-member Commission of Reflection on Justice composed not only of lawers and

before they appear before a judge and jury.
M Chirac's announcement, how-

ever, has met a mixed reaction. While most observers recognise the need to protect the innocent, many fear the introduction of a new offence of contempt of court. Catherine Vannier, Vice-President of the left-leaning Magistrates' Union, says: "This could be used to stop the media talking about corruption affairs. We have to be

While the commission examines these "issues of principle", the Gov-ernment. M Chirac said, will consider how to make French criminal and civil justice more efficient and more accessible. On television, he said: "A large number of you find the system too slow, sometimes too expensive and, in act, incomprehensible."

With people on average incomes unable to claim legal aid, and long delays before even simple cases are heard, practical difficulties have contributed to the lack of confi-

dence infecting French justice. Recent figures show that civil disputes costing less than Fr30,000 (about £3,250) take about five months to come to court, and people accused of serious offences have to wait more than three years to be judged. French courts have been condemned 14 times by the European Court of Human Rights for failure to give judgment within "a reasonable" time.

Mme Vannier says: "The prob-lem is that there are too few magistrates. At the beginning of the century, there were 5,300; now there are 6,000. Meanwhile, the number of cases they deal with has grown out of all proportion."

Chirac said he wanted to improve "the way justice I functions" by introducing new technology, enhancing judicial training and extending the use of conciliation to prevent cases coming to court. The Justice Ministry's annual budget, which stands at Fr23.9 billion this year, will be Increased. "Today." he said, "we have to build a good justice system an uncontested justice system and a serene and respected one."

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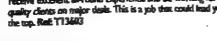
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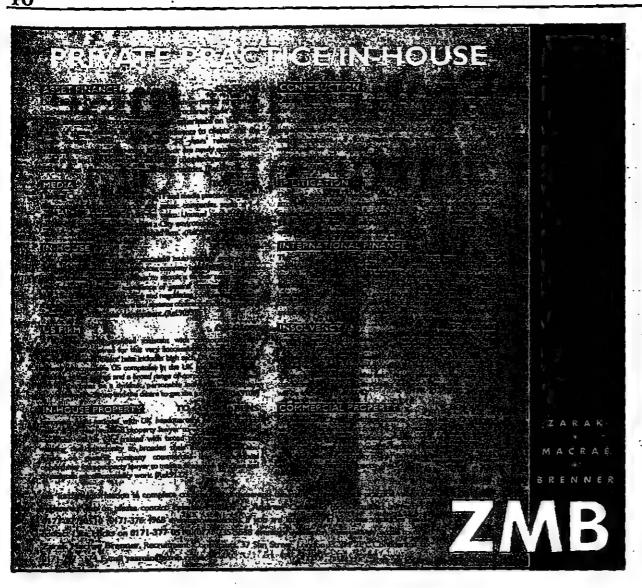
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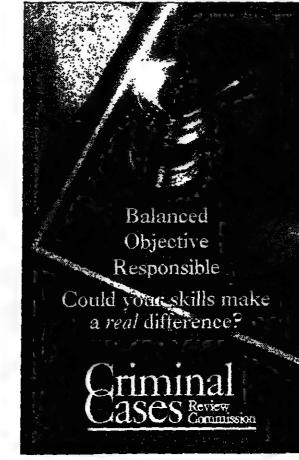
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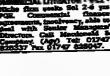
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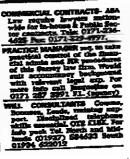
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# The Grey Monk seeks winning habit

ASPIRATIONS of owners, trainers and punters will be stretched to breaking point over the next four days as the sequence of pre-Cheltenham trials reaches a crescendo at Haydock and Kempton on Saturday. With the Festival due to commence three weeks today, there will be no second chance for the vanquished to repair the damage of defeat.

Accordingly, the pressure is on Coome Hill and The Grey Monk, both horses of unmasked potential but fallers last time out. To many eyes this due represents Britain's best chance of repelling Ireiand's challenge for the Chel-tenham Gold Cup. While

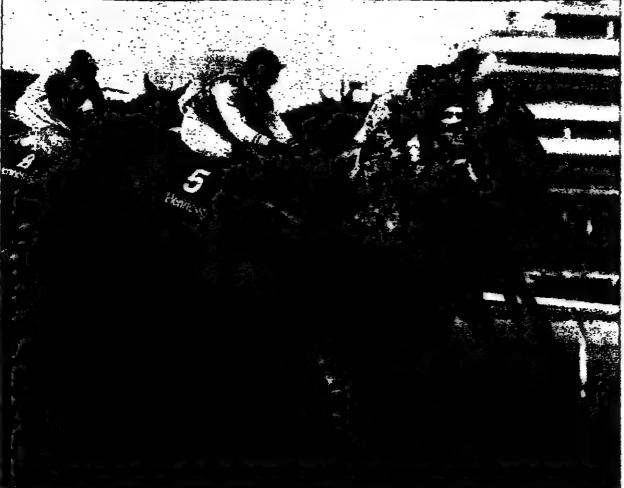
A 7.30am inspection will determine whether today's meeting at Carlisle goes ahead. "We are waterlogged," John-ny Fenwicke-Clennell, the clerk of the course, said. "It is very doubtful."

Coome Hill faces Unguided Missile and Kadi at Wincanton on Thursday, The Grey Monk is poised for a rigorous examination in the Greenalls Grand National Trial at Haydock two days later.

The common denominator between both chasers Couldnt Be Better, who is expected to sidestep the Wincanton race in favour of carrying top weight at Haydock. Charlie Brooks, who trains Couldnt Be Better, said yesterday: "We are leaning towards the Greenalls because we know the horse goes well at Haydock and the trip lan extended 34 miles is more suitable. He is favoured by the race conditions at

2.10 Coverdille Lane

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The Grey Monk, nearside, has a choice of engagements at Haydock on Saturday. Photograph: Ed Byrne

Wincanton, but they might just get him at it over the shorter distance."

Brooks added that Suny Bay, his Grand National candidate, would also be aimed at the Haydock event. Suny Bay returned from his disappoint ing seasonal debut at Kempton having bled from the nose. Given plenty of time

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to recover, Brooks pointed to the horse's excellent winning record after a lengthy absence as evidence of his prospects.

If Couldn't Be Better's Wincunton absence eases Coome Hill's task, his expected participation at Haydock

will be music to the ears of

Gordon Richards, who trains The Grey Monk at his Penrith

stables in Cumbria. Richards, who has also entered The Grey Monk in the Black Death Vodka Handicap Chase over 21/2 miles, said yesterday: "I would like to run for the money in the Greenalls. If Couldnt Be Better takes his chance that's where we'll go. Otherwise I'd be reluctant to run him with top weight.

"He doesn't need a hard race so close to the Gold Cup." Richards continued, "but either way, he will definitely run at Haydock, I don't want him going to Cheltenham on the back of his fall in Ireland." That lapse, in the Hermessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown 16 days ago, greatly frustrated Richards. near the front of the field when he met the sixth-last fence all wrong and toppled over.

One of the problems confroming punters in the Gold Cup build-up is the merit of notices like Dorans Pride, himself a faller at Thurles on Thursday, See More Business, comfortably beaten by Dorans Pride at Leopardstown carlier this month, was expected to amplify the strength of that performance in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton on Saturday.

However, the defection yes tenday of horses at the head of the handicap has put See More Business's participation in deube. He would have to carry list 7lb," his trainer.

#### RICHARD EVANS

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Paul Nicholls, said. "It is far from ideal, so we must also consider the two novice chases on Friday and Saturday. He could well end up running over 212 miles on Saturday." Events at Kempton, which features six genuine Cheltenham trials, will be pivotal to the strength of David Nicholson's Festival challenge. Nicholson is to be represented by Viking Flagship in the Embiem Chase, Escartefigue and Pharanear in the Rendlesham Hurdle, and Champion Hurdie candidate Sanmartino in the Dovecote Novices' Hurdie. In addition, the trainer expects to be three-handed in the Racing Post Chase with Percy Smollett, Call It A Day and

# Cook adamant Labour will not privatise Tote

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A REMARKABLE 36 hours before the rest of us have of speculation about the future of the Tote was brought to an abrupt end vesterday when Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, insisted Labour would not privatise the pool betting organisation.

"I can authoritatively bring down the curtain on this story," he said. There have been no discussions in the Shadow Cabinet about the sale of the Tote. There will be no proposal by Labour to sell the Tote. The Tote's future lies in racing and not outside racing as a private company. I am only too aware of the important potential the Tote has for racing and I want to see tacing have the chance to

realise that potential." Cook, an enthusiastic supporter of racing, stepped in to halt the damage resulting from a weekend story emanating from the office of Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. Whelan, the right-hand man to Brown, confirmed on

Sunday that a Labour government would like to privatise the Tote and claimed the issue had been discussed by Brown and Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary. They think that given the current state of public spending there is potential tion and health."

Cook said: "The fact is in the run-up to a general election there is a rather febrile atmosphere and things get out and running saddled up. This is a story that should have never started and we want to stop it now. There are no discussions, no policy and no proposals to sell the Tote,"

The statement from Cook will come as a huge relief to racing. The Tote's contribution to the sport from betting levy, payments to racecourses and sponsorship totalled E8.3 million in 1995-% and would have been reduced substantially, or even eliminated, had privatisation taken place.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the British Horseracing Board, said yesterday: "The Home Secretary said in July that he could not contemplate any change in the status of the Tote. Apart from other considerations it may have threatened the Tote's exclusive nool betting licence.

"It is more important that the Tote should be creatively run than whose umbrella it is under. If the Labour party is saying it would like to strengthen the links between the Tote and racing. that can only be welcome.

Ricketts said he had been "extremely surprised" by the privatisation plan, especially as the government had come out against it. There are also all the difficulties about who actually owns the Tote, it is not as though it is a nationalised industry like British Rail."

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## Duggan in trim on diet of success

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

DAMIEN DUGGAN, 27, was close to retiring at a recent meeting after going to scale 10lb overweight. But a winner at Wolverhampton, and one on Fresh Prince at Heythrop on Sunday, showed Duggan is still one of the best riders on the circuit.

The weight is steadily comhased in Gloucestershire, is bound to find dieting easier as his book of rides increases. Fresh Prince, trained by Jayne Webber, could attempt to win Aintree's Fox Hunters' Chase. The ladies champion, Ali-

son Dare, opened her account for the season on Saturday and followed up 24 hours later with a victory on the Dick Baimbridge-trained Di Stefa-no. The gelding was recording his eighth straight win, but only narrowly held Lake Mis-sion at bay. The runner-up's rider General Resume was rider, Georgina Browne, was having only her second ride and experience told in a tight

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(£2,817: 1m 2f) (11 numers)

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# Andrew Longmore on a beneficiary of Wimbledon's changing image

# Earle entitled to belated elevation

or Robbie Earle, the good things in foot-balling life have, like those proverbial London buses, come late and all at once. An England cap is no longer a the end of the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Leicester City at Filbert Street tonight, a Wembley final could be a step closer to reality too. His 149th goal in senior football brought Wimbledon a last-minute reprieve against Manchester United in the FA Cup; last Saturday, his 150th sealed the fate of Queens Park Rangers In the fifth

Earle is enjoying the tri-umphs with the starry eyes of a man who knows the inside of the away dressing-room at Rochdale. He has known suc-cess in his six years at Wimbledon, but only in the form of unset and survival.

This season, Wimbledon have sustained their efforts in cups and FA Carling Premiership beyond the novelty stage, a tribute not just to the inspiration of the manager. Joe Kinnear, but to the new sensible streak fostered in the old Crazy Gang by mature professionals such as Earle.

Wimbledon are not just flying in the Premiership, they are in contention for the fair play league, an equally impressive comment on their changed outlook. With Earle and Oyvind Leonhardsen in midfield, strong runners and good passers both. Wimbiedon no longer have to cling to the tried and reviled methods

There is more to it than that, however. John Rudge, who first brought the 16-year-old reject from Stoke City to Port Vale on a YTS scheme, was surprised that his "diamond" attracted scouts from Aston Villa, Birmingham City and even Manchester United, but a sole offer from Wimbledon. Earle seemed too articulate for the Crazy Gang both on and off the field, too quiet and too much of a loner, but Kinnear offered a club record £775,000 in 1991 and Earle moved on, leaving Rudge with the lasting memory of a career trans-

We made a little gym out of the old toilets behind the main



Earle relaxes at the Wimbledon training ground yesterday before the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final tonight. Photograph: Marc Aspland

banging the ball against the walls on and on," Rudge said. "Him and Mark Bright, they were there morning, noon and night. I had no doubt Robbie would go on and do well in the

Rudge puts Earle in the "David Platt mould" and, you suspect, thought his protégé deserved a classier move. "He's a good leader, goes from box to box, scores goals, is very competitive," he said. "He scored the goal which took us into the first division, the winner against Bristol Rovers in the play-offs. He was mag-

It is a tribute to Earle that those old days are a source of

SNOOKER

Cold comfort for O'Sullivan

goes back to Vale Park to talk to his former mentor. "Things he said come back to me now," Earle said.

Though happily settled with his wife and two young children in London, his parents have stayed in the West Midlands, where he was born. Traces of the Black Country accent have survived, along with a precise understanding of his roots.

I have known what it's like to play in the mud and the rain at places like Halifax," Earle said. "I didn't get into the Premiership until I was 26, so now that things are coming good I appreciate them more. People are talking about me as midfield players in the league and saying I deserve to get a cap. I'm 32 now, but I take a positive view of it. I'm pleased to be talked about, pleased to have a chance."

arle said that he always had belief in his own ability. But his manner speaks differently. He is sure of himself now, sure enough to tackle a computer course two evenings a week, to try his hand at media work and to walk a fine line in the notoriously robust Wimbledon one of the lads and enjoying his own company.

Earle's professionalism.

attitude to sponsors and his future, owes much to his friendship with Daley Thompson and commands respect, but he was not always so

When I was 22, people were tipping me to do this and that," he said. Two years later, they were saying the same things and you begin to think: 'Mavbe it's not going to happen to me.' But we beat Spurs in the Cup and that gave me the taste of what the top players were like and the confidence to know I could play in that

"To be honest, I never really saw myself as a Wimbledon player, my character, the way

strengths here that the majority of players come from the lower leagues. That creates a common bond between us. There is a strong feeling for the club, too. It's almost as if. you get a piece of the club and take it out on the field with

Tonight, Wimbledon and Earle will have the unusual honour of being the favourites. Earlier in the season Leicester outhustled the hustlers in the Premiership, a snub not forgotten. Wimbledon will be ready this time. A Wembley final beckons for Earle. Maybe two, and an England cap. "I feel I've been playing catch-up in my career," he said. The gap.

## ATHLETICS

# Double threat to McColgan

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

lenger at a time. When Liz McColgan defends her Flora London Marathon title on April 13 she will have several, unong them Ren Xinjuan and Anuta Catuna, two of the best middleweights in women's distance running. Although neither has nunched at heavy-

weight, as McColgan has, they are getting there. McColgan's 10,000 metres world title in 1991 is an achievement of greater merit than the accomplishments of Ren and Catuna. However,

Ken Doherty, the world No 7, became the highestranked player to lose when he WHEN a boxer has a title to convincing at the marathon. defend, he has only one chal-She has lost several and more than 40 athletes have run

> faster than her best time. 2hr 27min 32sec. Ren, 22, from China, is among them. She won in Beijing in 2:27.13 in October. three weeks after taking the half-marathon world title in Majorca when McColgan. who was plagued by a sciatic problem, dropped out. Ren was then ninth in the Atlanta Olympic marathon, when McColgan attributed her sixteenth place to an insect bite. This is the Chinese year of the

ox and Ren is likely to prove as stubborn as one. Catuna, from Romania;

won in New York last year in a personal best of 2:28.18, won the World Cup in 1995 and was runner-up in the world championships in the same

In Vienna, at the weekend Jo Wise displaced Mary Rand as No 3 in the all-time British indoor long jump rankings. Wise jumped 6.57 metres and is close to the British record of 6.70, set by Sue Telfer in 1984. Wise produced the big jump when she needed it because, although she had won the British trial for the world indoor championships next month, she did not have the qualifying mark and the team

# Hooligan threat that carries a global warning

s violence in football cycli-cal? The weekend crowd and Birmingham City appear to suggest that, irrespective of precautions and of the expenditure on civilising English stadiums, the thugs are still

It is no consolation to observe that the phenomenon is universal, that on every continent trying to put the lid on hooliganism is like trying to trap odious vapour in a colander - the poison leaks

In South Africa, which is being touted as an alternative. venue to England, Germany or some South and Central American countries as the host of the 2006 World Cup, a game between Kaizer Chiefs and Celtic in Bloemfontein saw the supposed supporters of the nome team, Celtic, tear down a security sence, charge onto the pitch and force the referee to abandon the match after 40

The players and officials were barricaded inside the dressing-rooms while heavily outrumbered police struggle to contain the mob ... their displeasure being that their team was losing by two goals. Nor was it isolated. Down

the coast, at Cape Town, a linesman was forced to flee the pitch when a spectator brandishing a large knife lunged at him. The linesman escaped without injury, but speciators applauded the criminal action of one of their number who, alarmingly, was allowed to

retake his seat. Armed police had to escort officials from another match, at Independence Stadium in the southwestern town of Umtata, when hooligans began stoning the referee

and his assistants. Closer to home, with a knife' in France -- which is still deliberating

Fifa, football's world governing body, to remove security fences for the 1998 World Cup. — a linesman was burt by a bottle thrown from the crowd at Parc des Princes, where

at him

last Friday. In Australia, a young midfield player for Adelaide City. lo Costanzo, is in hospital in Melbourne. Surgeons are trying to save the sight in his left eye after it was damaged by cut glass. Costanzo, 21, was the victim of a gang of 20 youths, who ambushed the Adelaide City bus as it left South Melbourne's ground. Once again, the excuse for criminal violence was that the

home team had lost.

"It was very scary." Alex Tobin, the experienced captain of Adelaide City, said, "When a mob takes control, dangerous things can happen. All our players got down on the floor, we were worried about glass as rocks and other stuff were thrown through the windows - and poor Angelo caught it." So from the old country, which thought after the European championship that it had acceptably policed the problem, to the emergent countries of the world's most popular

game, the emotions of presum-

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Overseas View

ably craven supporters have turned once again to the In Holland, Guus Hiddink, the national coach, laments

that another rising problem might already be crippling the advance of football. Reacting to the announcement last week that Patrick Kluivert, the young striker, had agreed to move from Ajax to AC Milan at the end of the season without a fee, as a consequence of the freedom of contract under the Treaty of Rome, Hiddink said: The will to invest in young talents, which has always been the strength of the Netherlands, is

declining. Transfer fees are disappearing and clubs here have adopted the motto that it is better to buy a foreign player because, out of the money you put into developing 50 talented boys, only one of them will

make it. And if you can lose him to bigger clubs abroad, without A linesman getting any money back, the clubs are fled when a ·Why zsking: fan lunged

> Hiddink is conional team. His familiar refrain is that the Durch, like so many,

find it is cost efficient to trawl Africa for talent, to import those who come cheanest and whose skills are more readily

num. an a fairy tale of a tiny club ruling the roost also has this kick back of overseas players making good. Excelsior Mouscron. having just risen from the second division, are four points clear in the Belgian league, despite losing their manager. George Leekens, who took over as Belgium's national coach last month.

There are Wimbledon connotations to Mouseron, a team in the Flemish heart of the country and one that nurtures its own players to out-run and out-flank the traditional big

Two players, in particular, excel - Mbo and Lokonda Mpenza. They are brothers whose parents come from Zaire, are notionally students and who have already been blooded at under-21 level for Belgium: Lokonda, at 18 the younger of the two forwards, was in Leekens's full international squad for the game against Northern Ireland in Belfast last week. Italian clubs are watching them keenly.

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ing hurdle. That statistic
bares stark contrast to the
event last year, when only one
player in the top ten avoided the earliest possible exit.
A comfortable victory it may
have been, but O'Sullivan,
whose highest break was a

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deep displeasure with his

form despite reaching the last

32 of the International Open in

Aberdeen yesterday.

By defeating Mark Fenton, of Swansea, 5-1, O'Sullivan

became the fourteenth mem-

#### By PHIL YATES RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, the modest 47 in the second frame, runner-up to Steve Davis in the Benson and Hedges Masters nine days ago, expressed

left the arena scathingly selfcritical after a display in which unforced errors were common. "At the moment I'm useless as a player." O'Sullivan said.

"Every time I get in scoring position I don't know where the cue-ball's going. Even at the Massers I was diabolical. It's hard work right now and I'm just not enjoying it. Mind you, things can click back in one shot."

For the most part, O'Sul-ivan, already successful at the Asian Classic and German Open this season, was patient and respectful towards an opponent ranked 187 places

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below him at No 195 on the world list. The exception was the fifth frame. Frustration boiled over when, needing only a long blue to leave Fenton requiring snookers, O'Sullivan took a careless swipe. However, he moved 4-1 ahead by fluking the pink. Stephen Hendry, who survived a considerable scare

before beating Euan Henderson 5-4 on Sunday evening, will today face Gary Wilkinson for a third-round place, Wilkinson had beaten Jason Weston 5-L

was beaten 5-3 by Joe Swail.

## SPORT IN BRIEF Australia profit from

ANDREW BICHEL pro-duced a five-wicket haul as Australia beat Western Province by 32 runs at Newlands in Cape Town yesterday, the opening first-class fixture of their cricket tour of South

Bichel, 26. broke the back of a spirited Western Province run-chase with five for 62 as the home side was bowled out for 321 after Australia had set them 353 runs to win in a minimum of 81 overs. Western Province collapsed from 253-4 to lose their last six wickets for 68.

GOLF: Colin Montgomerie will tune up for the Open at Royal Troon by playing in the Loch Lomond World Invitational from July 9-12. The field

Bichel's winning burst includes Nick Faldo, Tom Lehman and Ernie Els.

the Scot, despite winning in

New York in 1991 and London

last year, has not always been

BOXING: Herol Graham, 37. the former world middleweight title contender, from Sheffield, will appear in his first contest in London for more than eight years when he faces an as-yet unnamed opponent at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre on March 4.

TENNIS: Shirli-Ann Siddall, of Dorset, the winner of the women's satellite tournament in Birmingham last week, joined Louise Latimer, the national junior champion, from Warwickshire, as British qualifiers for the Challenger event, which starts at Redbridge today.

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Without accurate international data, Cleopatra was up the Nile without a paddle. Do you have all your oars in the water?



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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

# Hughes to take over from West at Wigan

By Christopher Irvine

WIGAN moved swiftly yesterday to install a successor to Graeme West. Like West, Eric Hughes knows the iniquities of life as a coach. Until 13 months ago, he was in charge of St Helens; now he is at the helm of the club that brought about his downfall at Knowsley Road last January.

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Hughes, who became the club's academy coach in November, was appointed yester-day as West cleared his desk after 15 years as a player and coach at Wigan. It is a remarkable about-turn in personal fortunes for Hughes, whose task is to lift the club from the depression of its early exit from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at the hands of St Helens o challenge his erstwhile club in the Super League.

When St Helens dismissed Hughes, four days after a



narrow defeat by Wigan in the 1996 Regal Trophy final, the reason given was that Wigan's stranglehold would not be broken until St Helens's de-fence improved. It was shabby treatment of the man who largely built the side that went on to win the Super League and Challenge Cup last season

under Shaun McRae. The irony of the situation was not lost on Hughes, 47, whose appointment is a break with Wigan's II-year tradition of employing overseas coachbrought the likes of Scott Gibbs, Apollo Perelini and Vila Matautia to the club, while transforming youngsters of the calibre of Steve Prescon, Kieron Cunningham, Joey Hayes and Danny Arnold from academy to first-

team players. There's even more talent at Wigan and I'm sure the club will again be among the honours before

West was ousted from the position he had held with varying degrees of success—
including an unprecedented
clean sweep of the four leading
prizes in 1995— since May
1994. On turning down the football manager's job, recently vacated by Joe Lydon, he was told there was nothing left for him. "I am just going to have a little rest and see what happens," he said. "Maybe then I'd look for a job where you have more control over

West, who served the club with distinction at all levels after his arrival from New Zealand in 1982, suffered the same frustration as his predecessors, with the Wigan board exerting its influence in player signings. The latest addition, Paul Koloi, a littleknown Tongan threequarter, presumably to replace the Newcastle rugby union-bound Va'aiga Tuigamala, was made without consulting West.

hat happens to the team."

The cup-tie defeat at St Helens ten days ago sealed his fate. West, rightly, put some of the blame at the board's door for loaning four leading players to rugby union clubs in the league close season.

Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said: "Graeme has been a great servant of the club. He has played a huge part in our incredible run of success and we wanted him to stay as manager, with Eric working alongside and bring-

ing a fresh approach."

The initial reaction of supporters to Hughes's appointment was that, if he was not good enough for St Helens, why should he be the man for vigan? After Graham Lowe, John Monie, John Dorahy and West, Hughes is the first English coach at Central Park since the partnership of Colin Clarke and Alan McInnes was in 1986.

As a player, Hughes enjoyed success at Widnes and St appearances for Great Britain. As a coach, he won nothing at Widnes, Rochdale or in a brief spell at Leigh.

# Hero's welcome greets triumphant Auguin



THE French port of Les Sables d'Olonne, on the Biscay coast, came to standstill yesterday when Christophe Auguin, of France, completed his round the world voyage on Géodis to win the Vendée Globe race by nearly 2,000 miles (Edward Gorman writes). Auguin set a single-handed. non-stop record with his time of 105 days, 20 hours, 31 minutes and 23 rds, beating the record set by his fellow Frenchman, Titouan Lamazou, in the first Vendée Globe, in 1990, by more than 312 days.

The margin could have been even greater had Auguin not waited overnight to make his triumphal entry yesterday morning surrounded by an

an estimated 80,000 people.

Auguin has compiled one of the greatest single-handed sailing sequences of all time, with victories in the Figaro Race, in both of the last two BOC round-the-world races and now the Vendée, during which he also set a 24-hour single-handed distance

Auguin, 36, was always in the hunt from the start. After Yves Parlier, his fellow countryman got into difficul-ties on Aquitaine Innovations, Auguin disputed the lead with Isabelle Autissier, on PRB, through the South Adantic before taking the initiative when she was forced to retire with a broken rudder.

Augin claimed that the key to his success was his meticulous preparation before the start. Géodis returned virtually unscathed from a race in which almost two-thirds of the field

have had to retire, "I know that I won it before the start, during the year spent in the shipyard. I had no damage, no huge problem," he said. There are still five other skippers in the race, with a close battle for second place between Marc Thiercelin, of France, on Credit Immobilier de France, and Hervé Laurent, his compatriot, on Cafe Legal Le Gout. Pete Goss, of Britain, is in sixth and last

place but has been awarded 13 days

RUGBY UNION: HIGH-CALIBRE BUSINESSMEN CO-OPTED ON TO CONTROLLING COMMITTEE

# Scots plan way forward in place of strife

By Mark Souster

A RADICAL overhaul of the structure of the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) was unveiled yesterday at Murrayfield. Its architects, from within the union, insist that it will address the demands of professionalism and the issues that have been the root cause of considerable recent strife, as ell as provide accountability and openness.

Significantly, businessmen of the calibre of Sir William Purves, the chairman of HSBC Holdings, and Dr George Mathewson, the chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland, have been co-opted as advisers onto the general committee, which will remain as the ultimate controlling

The two of them are expected to have considerable handson involvement, as will David Murray, the chairman of Rangers Football Club, who has agreed to become a business adviser and consultant with the specific task of raising the commercial profile of the

His company, Murray Inmission fees depending upon the levels of income brought in. It is hoped to increase turnover from El2 million to £20 million within a year, and wipe out the SRU's debt, ness of rugby union, under the which stands at £11 million. within five years.

Other key changes see the demise of committees and working parties and greater devolvement from the general committee of the day-to-day running of the sport. The roles of secretary and chief executive, held by Bill Hogg, have been split. Hogg remains secexecutive will be appointed later this year, possibly on a salary of between £100,000

umbrella of a nine-strong executive that includes existing administrators, as well as businessmen and Andy Irvine and lan McLauchlan, the

former international players. Fred McLeod, the SRU president, who may apply for the post of chief executive, said he hoped the "internecine warfare" that has bedevilled the union's critics would be satisfied, sithough he conceded that a challenge to the union's authority might still be mounted. There will always be people who will find fault.

said..."It is intended to ensure that effective management of the union continues to be balanced by democratic club control."

McLeod stressed that the changes - which will be implemented in full from the start of next season and which may well require fine-tuning - are permitted within the existing constitution of the the appointments of Sir William and Dr Mathewson, will not need to be sanctioned by annual meeting

Club associations will be represented with a seat on the domestic game board.

ICE HOCKEY

## Victory puts Cardiff on brink of taking title

BY A CORRESPONDENT

CARDIFF Devils completed a successful weekend away and moved within a point of securing the inaugural Superleague title with a 7-4 victory over Newcastle Cobras. Paul Heavey's side will become champions if they can collect that point from either of their home matches against Manchester Storm on Thursday and Newcastle on Saturday.

Although Arto Hesikanen opened the scoring for Newcastle with the game less than two minutes old, Ken Hodge and Ivan Matulik responded by putting the visi-tors 2-I ahead before the end of

the first period.

The Cardiff lead was extended to 5-1 in the second period by goals from Doug McCarthy, Matulik and Marty Yewchuk, but Newcastle refused to give up and struck back through Mike Bodnarchuk, Markku Takela and Ross Lambert. Hodge scored his second. - Cardiff's sixth — with seven minutes left before Vezio Sacratini completed the scoring six seconds

from time. Sheffield Steelers must win their last two matches to have any chance of overtaking Cardiff. They play at Bracknell on Thursday and at Basingstoke on Saturday.

The struggle to avoid bot-tom place intensified as Manchester followed a 5-0 loss away to Nottingham Panthers with a crucial 6-5 home victory over Bracknell Bees, their fellow strugglers, in front of 10,711 supporters at the

Nynex Arena. Nick Poole scared twice for the home team in the first ten minutes, but goals by Mike Ellis, Dean Richards, Peter Romeo and Wayde Bucsis appeared to have put Bracknell well in charge halfway through the game.

Manchester's hopes were revived when Poole completed his hat-trick two minutes into the third period, but it was a remarkable flurry of scoring in the final two minutes that decided the outcome.

Hilton Ruggles, Mike Morin and Brad Zavisha all scored in the space of 63 seconds to put Manchester 6-4 ahead, ensuring that Jeff Johnstone's goal, with 12 seconds remaining, was no more an a minor consolation Bracknell.

Manchester's victory keeps them in sixth place, two points ahead of Bracknell and Basingstoke, the other contenders for the wooden spoon. who lost 4-3 at home to Nottingham.

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wickels, San Fernatholo, (Tribacac, Jarracca 349 and 111-1 | Gamck, 54 not ext); Trindad and Tobago 256 (B C Lara 135), Georgetown: Guyana v Windward islands Georgetown: Guyana v Windward Islands --- no play because of rain SUPERS/DORT SERIES (final day of four): East London: Border 400 and 192-5 dec; Cinquatend West 253 and 259 (W Bossenger 82, J M Anhur 87, M Nitri 4-73). Border bear Groupland West by 40 runs. Plant: Free State 254 and 254; Boland 264 and 256-5 (A P Kurper 117 not out, A Wessels 56 not out; K Veniter 4-109). Boland beat Free State by five wickets. Johannesburg: Nate 407 and 241-8 dec; Transvaal 241 and 251 (D J Cultiman 78; S M Politock 4-54 P Symbox 4-76) Natal beat Transvaal 241 and 251 (D J Cultiman 78; S M Politock 4-54 P Symbox 4-76) Natal beat Transvaal 241 and 251 (D J Cultiman 78; S M Politock 4-76) Notice Transvaal 272 and 181-2 dec Northern Transvaal 272 and 115 (E A E Soptiste 5-37). Eastern Province beat Northern Transvaal by 206 runs

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# HOCKEY

EUROPEAN MEN'S INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: B division in Buda-pesti: Play-off matches: Seventh place: Royal Whitestar 2 Massaton 6. Fifth place: Espinho 4 Rosco 3 Third place; insights Merzasehil 8 Stockholm 6 Final: Lille 16 Pozzlowiec 8. MEN'S SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Western Grass Hopper 3 Grange 2: Western Comm. 2 MMM 2 WOMEN'S SCOTTISH MATIONAL

WOMEN'S SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEA-GUE: First division: Menzestrik 0 Bonagrass Grove 4: Royal High Gymneste 0 Wastern Crick Photopom 5. O Wesseri Chek Protopopar ; WCALEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP-Midlanda (at Bedford): Lens 0 Northeria 16, Derbysö Staffs 10, Lens 1 Wantoks 4 South (at Million Keynes). Middesea 1 Otton 2 Berterhite 1 Kent 2, Sussex 2 Surrey 3, Middesea 1 Kent B Berkstrer 2 Sussex

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RACKETS

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REAL TENNIS

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S&LK CUT PLATE: Quarter-final draw. Hunsle v Wortnigton; Lancashmil Lyn.: v Hull Kingdon Rovers, Bramley v Widnes, Leigh v Whitolessen

s to be played on February 22 and 23 SNOOKER

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SPEED SKATING

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**VOLLEYBALL** NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment: First division: Lacrpool City to Polonia Easing 7-15, 15-11. 6-15, 3-15, Leeds by Whitefield 11-15, 15-6, 15-3, 13-15, 15-3 Crollon bit Warwick Rg. 15-10, 13-15, 15-5, 15-9, City of Stoke lost to Tooting Aquilla 14-16, 10-15, 5-15, Wessex lost to Malory Lewishern 12-15, 215, 6-18 and £150,000.

Three boards have been created with responsibility for

the international game, the but we have created a positive domestic game and the busi-

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Tony Forrester took advantage of a defensive mistake on this

hand from the 1997 Macallan International Pairs. Dealer East East-West game +9843 VAQ6 • A 10 8 +K95 N +1785 +K102 ₹K 10 +7854 +K93 4A016B6 +AD **7J875432** \* Q J 2

After East passed, Forrester (South) opened One Heart and Two Hearts over North's One Spade response. North closed the auction with Four Hearts. West started well by leading

a diamond. Forrester had to play low from dummy, and East won and correctly switched to a spade. (If East continues diamonds, declarer can win in hand to lead a club towards the king, to establish a discard for his losing spade.)

Forrester finessed again, and West took the king of spades. At this point West should have cashed the ace of clubs; then East comes to his king of hearts to beat the contract. But West unwisely returned the ten of spades. Now Forrester saw that

he had an extra chance. After taking the ace of spades he When the king did not appear, he ruffed out East's jack of spades, crossed back to dummy with a diamond, and got his club away on a winning The 1997 Tollemache Cup

just ahead of London and Warwickshire. ☐ The British world junior champions were at a reception at Buckingham Palace last night to celebrate Sport in the Life of the Nation.

for county teams of eight was

won by Kent, who finished

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

SEBUM a. The tip of a flower's stamen b. A marine tramp

SMOLT a. Salmon fry b. Fair weather c. A long woollen doak

c A fatty sweat

SANDYX a. A red pigment b. An extinct bird c. The eastern mouth of the Nile SOBERSAULT a. Serious-minded

b. A pick-me-up c. A somersault Answers on page 46



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By RAYMOND KEENE

Kasparov's triumph Garry Kasparov has added to his long list of tournament victories by tournament in Spain. White: Garry Kasparov Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Linares, February 1997

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### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Xie Jun -Lalic, Hastings 1996-97, Black has sacrificed a pawn for a strong attack and now continues with 1 ... Rb4, hitting

White's queen. Did he miss something stronger? Solution on page 46



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# England captain achieves double half-century for fifth time in Tests

# Atherton leaves lasting impression

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

CHRISTCHURCH (fourth day of five): England, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 187 runs to beat New Zegland

A SHREWD captain is always prepared to use the scorn of the opposition for inspiration and Michael Atherton was presented with just such an opportunity when he wandered into the press conference area at Lancaster Park on Sunday evening a few early interview.

Atherton was in time to overhear Steve Rixon, the New Zealand coach, giving a jaundiced view of England's prospects in this final Test. They haven't coped well with pressure in the past," Rixon said, with the hint of a sneer, "and I can't see why they should start

This brought a frown to the face of the England captain.

but he will doubtless have stored away the insult for some timely motivation in the dressing room. The moment to dispute Rixon's judgment is nigh, for England were today challenging cricketing precedent by pursuing a fourth-innings target of 305, and Atherton knew that the lasting perceptions of an entire winter's effort depended upon them succeeding.

Inevitably, it was Atherton himself who sustained their hopes into the final day. playing with the poise of one who has rediscovered his form and the obstinacy of one who never lost his spirit. By the close yesterday, he had batted for almost ten hours without being out, an outstanding achievement, and had been on the field for the entire four days. It is also the fifth time he has scored half-centuries in each innings of a Test.

Only once have England scored more than 300 to win a Test and that was 68 years ago, in Melbourne. This time, they had in their favour an equation requiring them to make only 60 runs a session and a pitch still basically benign. Against them were such an



Stewart reels after being hit between the eyes by a delivery from Vettori that reared out of the leg-side rough. Photograph: Simon Baker

played by England, so the fact

that they were able to enter the

final day with a winning

chance said much for their

powers of recovery and more than a little about the stan-

New Zealand should have

made the match safe with a

bigger second-innings score.

As it was, their early batsmen

bowlers operating with preda-tory fields and it was left to

Chris Cairns and Vettori to

dard of the opposition.

to the sporting peaks but one would never know it. His response to being thrust into Test cricket straight from school has been to bat and bowl as if born to the part. Here, entrusted with responsi-bilities under which many more experienced bowlers would have wilted, he performed with skill, stamina and patience, "I once bowled 52 overs straight off in a school game," he said, "but this was

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awkwardly. It is a dubious tactic, an abuse of the way the game was intended to be played, but it remains a legitimate option and Vettori explored it avidly, forcing England into retreat and taking the psychologically significant wicket of Alec Stewart 20 minutes from the close.

Later, hustled from one television crew to another like a man who has just taken ten wickets, rather then two, Vettori looked the boy he is an earnest, self-conscious 18 bespectacled boffin - rather than the man he had become

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This has been a curious Test carry England's target into intimidating areas.

Their eighth-wicket stand match, always absorbing and eventually gripping, yet con-taining a great deal of modest cricket. Much of it has been

put on 71 in even time and the longer Vettori practised his nerveless defence, the more expansively did Cairns respond. Cairns should have been stumped off Croft when 31 and caught by Cork off Gough when 51 but, by the time he finally offered Nick Knight his fourth catch of the innings, the game had once more been dragged away from England's clutches.

al in four Test innings has been a run-out in which he was blameless, batted 103 minutes for 29 precious runs and Gough's rapid capture of the last two wickets did not alter the fact that New Zealand had become firm. favourites.

England, who could not afford early casualties, were encouraged by their first half-century opening stand of the winter Tests. This is a damning statistic but it was an appropriate moment to cartail the run, even if Knight offered no evidence that his technical problems are over. Instead, it was Atherton who played positively from the outset, punishing the quicker bowlers whenever they dropped short as 41 runs came from the first 13 overs. Five successive maidens followed but two fours from Atherton had set England moving again when Knight, hired down the pitch by Vettori,

mishit a drive to mid-on. Stewart has not had a poor match for almost a year but, after a cavalier first innings and a wicketkeeping miss, this was threatening to be one as he fretted ineptly against Vettori. Stewart likes to begin an innings with the ballcoming onto the bat and Vettori frustrated him almost to distraction.

Somehow, he clung on for almost two hours, facing 108. balls and scoring from only nine of them. He had been struck between the eyes by a freakish ball from Vettori that reared out of the footmarks and he had given a half-chance to slip off Siroon Doull. Ironically, he was out to the first ball that Vettori bowled at him from round the wicket, confused by the altered angle and taken at short leg off bat and pad.

NEW ZEALAND: First trivings 346 (5 P Floring, 52, A C Parore 59, C I, Calms 57, R D B Croft 5 for 95).

Extres (fb 8, nb 4) .....

9-184 (Veltori 29). 9-184 (Veltori 29). BOWLING: Coak 8-2-5-1 (one spell); 55-1 (one 2-1 (one spell);

SCORING NOTES: Fourth day: bunch taken at end of innings. ENGLAND; First innings 228 (M A Athenton 94 not out; G I Allott 4 for 74).

Second Innings N V Kright c Davie b Vettori 29 (10/min, 80 bells, 2 fours) 65 (240min, 175 bells, 7 fours) 74 A J Stewart c Pocock b Vettori 17 (15min, 106 bells, 1 four) A R Caddick not out 0 (15min, 16 bells)

Edms (0 1, b 4, w 1, rb 1) .... Total (2 wids, 63 overs, 240min) , 118 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64 (Atherton 29), 2-116 (Atherton 63).

BOWLING: Alice 5-2-4-0 (w 1; one spet; Davis 5-2-22-0 (4 tours; 2-0-11-0; 4-2-11-0; Doult 13-6-28-0 (3 fours; 8-4-20-0, 5-2-6-0); Vetbot 23-6-33-2 (1 four; one spet); Calme 4-0-12-0 (nb 1; one spet); Asite 12-7-16-0 (2 fours; one spet). SCORING NOTES: Fourth day: Tea: 71-1 (29 overs, 122min; Alberton 35,

Stewert 1). Umpires: R S Dures and D B Har (Australia). Third umpire: D M Outstad. Match referee: P J P Burge (Australia). SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Aucklend): Match desen. Second Test (Melington): England won by an innings and 68 runs.

☐ Compiled by Bill Frindsit

# Answers from page 45

(c) The fatty secretion which lubricates the hair and the skin. A modern Latin use of the Latin schunt or seven suct, grease. The sebum frequently accumulates in the sebaceous ducks, giving rise to the minute black points to which the term comedones is

(b) Of weather, fair, fine, calm, of the sort that has Mr Fish playing with little cut-outs of sturrays on television while beaming fatnously. "Mirrie Madinis, think not lang." The SANDYX

(a) A red pigment, mentioned by ancient writers. The Greek and then the Latin word for this mysterious dye. Oscar Wilde, Intentions, 1891: "On the wall of fresh plaster, stained with bright

(c) An older and correct variant of somersault. Into Romance nguages from the Latin supra above + saltus a leap. Fletcher, oman's Prize, 1625: "What a sobersault when the chaire fell she

fetchd, with her beels upward."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Black cannot play 1 ... Roat because of 2 Qxb8+ but 1  $\perp$  Rf8 (the salest square for the rook) leaves White's bishop on an stranded.

# A twisted look at literature

Radio 4 has a deserved reputation for finding quiz formats that knock most television equivalents into a cocked hat, though nobody at the network has ever satisfactorily replied to the question: Why was network has ever satisfactorily replied to the question: Why was Round Britain Quiz dropped? Perhaps lighter fare, of which Booked! is one of the best examples, is now the preferred option. Booked! returns for another series and its witty stant on literary twists makes good lunchtime listening. Rounds include Don't Give Up the Day Job, in which panellists are asked to imagine witers on unfamiliar territory: D. H. Lawrence contributing to the gardening pages of Radio Times, Ted Hughes writing a cornflakes commercial. With Roger McGough, Mark Thomas, Miles Kington and Dillie Keane.

The Prohibition Years. Radio 2, 10.00pm.

There may not be much new to say about this turbulent period in There may not be much new to say about this new series is in the American social history, but the success of this new series is in the way it is said and the approach that it takes. The title is more a reference to the era than prohibition as such, though the official ban on alcohol and the way it was circumvented obviously offers a key thread. The presenter, George Melly, looks at the huge technology advances made in the 1920s, which led among other things to talking distribute Mellutic ones of this great ending visites but less familiar ones. pictures. Melly's is one of the great radio voices but less fami including Al Capone's former piano player, contribute colourful anecdotes to the series.

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#### RADIO 2

5.00em Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anna To Wogen 9.30 Kan Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinston 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Sewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Heyes over Britain 8.30 A Town Like Alice. Nevil Shute's classic bile dramatised by Moye Shue. With Bernard Hapton and Virginia McKenne (3/6) 9.00 King of the One-loss. Tribute to fiving legand Hanry Youngmen, lest of the great New York stand-up-comedians who is still performent set of the great New York. ing at the age of 90 10.00 The Prohibition Years, See Cholos (1/3) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05een Steve

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TALK RADIO

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Dene 1.00pm Jeretty Clark 4.00 Nick Home 7.00 Paul Coyte. (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm

Schurtsint (Symphony No 1) in B flat); Handel (Music for she Royal Preworks); Goedicke (Korzentsuck in II); Wagner (Overture: The Rying Dutchmen); Mozert (Plano Committee); Mozert (Plano Committee); Mozert (Plano Committee)

Dutchment); Mozert (Pieno Concerto No 23 in A) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Pater Hobday, Includes Mozert (Church Sonete in C); Telemenn (Suite Burlesque); Chopin (Two Nocturnes); Bach (Carlete No 211) 10.00 Musical Encounters.

10.00 Musical Encounters.
Introduced by Mary Miler,
Includes Rebel (Le cahos);
Lutoslavetic (Peroles tiesées);
Schubert (Pierro Sonata in A);
Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in 8 minor); Debussy (Le Martyre de St Sebestien);
Mozart (Vesperae solonnes de confessore)

12.00 Composers of the Weelc Pfitzner

1.00pm Ulabar Orchestra, under Wanvick Stangarde, With Frederick Kempf, piero, and Stephen Fair, orgen.

Stephen Fair, organ. Massanet (Ballet music: Le cid); Schumenn (Plano Concerto in A minor); Widor (Symphony No 3 in E minor)
2.30 Ensemble. Another chance to hear Parmy Gore Introduce

to hear Permy Gore Introduce a programme of Ruesien music for two planes played by Clarke and Antolnetic Carm. Arrestly (Suite No 2, Silhouettes): Rechmeninov (Suite No 1) (f)

2.15 The BBC Orchestraes. BBC National Orchestra of Weles under Techasic Ottles. With Steven Isselfis, cello. Matthies (in Arcadiel): Totalkovsky (Symphony No 2 in Eminor);

Pearson (f)
5.15 in Tiane, with Humphrey
Carpeniar, Including Rossini
(String Sonatz No 6 in D);
ives (The Alcotts, Plano

Nes (The Acotts, Harno Sonatz No 2); Nielsen (Violn Concerto)
7.45 Chamber Music from Edinburgh, Linda Omiston Introduces a five recital from the Queen's Hall-given by the Grieg Trio. The programme includes a lets Mozart trio, an analysis to Residence and includes a less Mozart tro, ar early work by Beathoven and between them, a trio based on lifsh folk tunes. Mozart (Pieno Trio in F); Mertin (Trio on Irish Folk Tunes); 8,20 News from North Britain: A Gap in Her Life, a short story from Scotland by Ruth Thomas 8.40 Concert, part 2.

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Beethoven (Pisno Trio in C
minor, Op 1 No 3)
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meny different ways of
cooking and serving the pig
in the American South (2/5)
10.05 The BBC Orchestms. BBC
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raure (Nesques); Massenet.
bergamasques); Massenet.
(Piano Concerto in E flat)
10.45 Night Waves. Tony Palmer
presents a look at the recent
rise in popularity of musical
films
11.30 Composer of the Weelc
Schamasan(f)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather 1.00am Through the Night, with John Shea

York, and author of The

Alchemy of Race and Rights, talks to Sue NcGregor about influences and inspirations for her thinking 9,00 in Touch, Peter White with

news and information for

Westier 19.00 The World Tonight, with

Isabel Hitton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: House of
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Vincent Harms (r) 11.30 Word of Mouth (FM). The first of a series of six

and read by Edne O'Brien (7/10) (r)

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10.00 News, A Funny Day Down
the Dox Valley (Fill).
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Bobby Krust offers a view of
the city's sie
10.00 Dalty Service (LW)
10.15 On Tals Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni
Murray 8.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 A Square of One's Own, by Iven Shakespeare, A cornedy based on the life and times of based on the life and times of the Bloomsbury Group. With Jonathan Aris, Matthew Bell, Joanna Brookes, Chris Emmett, Sally Grace and Toby Longworth (1/4) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Fite on Four. Reports on the Important news stories of the Cay with Mark Whittaker 8.00 Science News, with Peter Evers (r)

8.30 The Reith Lectures Patricis
J. Williams, professor of law
at Columbia University New

Muray 11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff

Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Booked! See Choice
12.55 Weether
1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarks 1.40 The Archecs (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; Classic Storylines.
Peggy Reynolds looks at The
Turn of the Screw by Harry
James and its a effect on
popular culture (r)
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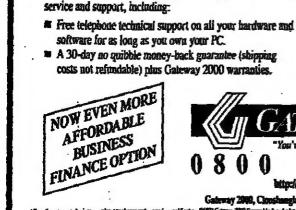
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# The chronologist will see you now, Mr Lost

like a good story. Call me hopelessly in thrall to outmoded dramatic techniques that are a laughing stock wherever trendies gather, but I enjoy a story where the scene before me now is not taking place at some point in time earlier than the scene that came before it, to be followed by a scene from the future that precedes one from the past, but is not as far in the past as the one I was watching before the one that takes place in the future.

There you are, you see: completely lost already and paragraph two barely out of the starting stalls. What kind of mess shall we be in 959 words hence?

The trouble is that I have just watched 80 minutes of Hero of the People (BBC2) and little captions are still dancing before my eyes: Montreal 1924: China 1938; Montreal 1928. Are these the venues of failed Olympic bids? Let us see if

all me old-fashioned, but I we can sort it out, using a little People - the second part is surmise.

When Ted Allan wrote the screenplay he did a splendid job. Good lines, fine interaction between the characters. Ted finished the screenplay and went for a walk, leaving his script on a table. by an open window. A breezy day? You said it. They collected all the pages, every last one, but nobody quite got around to putting them in the right order. The director, as directors will, saw nothing wrong, recognised no dement in leaping

about the globe and the calendar. Nor did he think there was anything risky with further trag-mentation. So not only does the piece have narration, but there are also linking scenes in which principal players are interviewed about their recollection of events. This does for dramatic pace and rhythm what a whistle-happy referee does for a football match.

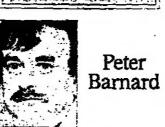
What a shame, for Hero of the

transmitted tonight - has a cracking cast, lush scenery and tells an absorbing story. Donald Suther-land is Dr Norman Bethune, a hard-drinking anti-fascist who travels to China to tend to the medicinal needs of Mao's Sth Route Army during 1938-39, when the nationalists and the communists had agreed an uneasy truce

in order to light the Japanese. Helen Mirren plays Frances, Bethune's wife, and Mirren is such a wonderful, subtle actress that to criticise anything she is in causes me pain. I would watch her reading the Yellow Pages - but I hazard a guess that, allowed her own remit, she would be unlikely to start at the letter M, followed by A, X and F.

There were moments when I wished she would turn into Jane Tennison to explain where in the world I had ferched up. Another problem with a drama

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that would test the attention span of a sniper is that small, irrelevant matters start to distract one's concentration. What, for example, had they done to Sutherland's head? He was given a bald pate that may have been made of fibreglass, but surely should not have looked as if it was? And of course the chronology malarky meant that in one scene Sutherland had more hair than in the previous one, as if he had attended a hair clinic between takes.

Or a health farm. After Hero of the People it was a relief to encounter Cutting Edge (Channe) 4), which is saying something given the subtitle: The Health Farm. Please God, not another documentary about a health farm. This one was Henlow Grange, where we met a lot of people who would be easily macked but for the fact that self-improvement, if only of the outward variety, is not an unworthy ambition.

I rather liked the man whose job had something to do with roofs. He had gone to Henlow Grange having become too fat to get through the trap door into the attic. I felt for Lisa, aged 18, a preny girl whose siblings called her a "far cow" and whose mother saved up for ages to gay for two weeks at Henlow, where Lisa lost five pounds in weight (in money, you can lose from £100 to £350 a day).

been through a messy divorce and needed to recover from that as well as spending some time away from her two sons. Normal boys, you understand: there was one au pair the boys had tied up in the garden and used her bottom as a darrboard. Imagine anyone wanting a break from them.

The mysterious part was that in the course of filming, Henlow Grange managed to get through three restaurant managers.

The second one arrived and announced that he had switched to a buffet system, adding what I presume proved to be his own death warrant: he was worried what the bosses would think about some guests going up for food "six or seven times" at the same meal. He soon found out.

Lest you need a cure for insomnia and think that a health farm

And there was Janet, who had may provide it. I suggest you save the money and start watching For The Love Of ... (Channel 4) instead. This is a new late-night series that on last night's evidence will become a temple of nerdery, a haven for anoraks.

The idea is for people to talk about their obsessions. The first obsession was "tall structures" but had nothing to do with Jerry Hall or Mount Everest. These are aerial freaks: some professionals, some amateurs. The chief amateur last night was David Neal, aged 21, who goes around the country photographing radio masts, television masts and so on.

Boring? You could say that, if you were into understatement Some reckon that Michael Grade is leaving a legacy of late-night smut on Channel 4, but a programme about tall structures without a Freudian psychoanalyst in

Michael must be demob happy.

William Book & 6.00am Business Breakfast (28147) 7.00 BBC Breakfest News (1) (23505) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (8668215) 9.20 Style Challenge (1398654) 9.45 Kilroy (6663418)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (63505) 11.00 News (r) and weather (6232321) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (3206470) 11.35 Change That (5124499) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6241147) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5827215) 12.30 Going for a Song (7101050) 12.55 The Weather Show (34225296) 1.00 News (T) and weather (26692) 1.30 Regional News (98159079) :

2.05 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (8096050) 2.50 Put It to the Test (2987925) 3.15 Wear it Well (2264418)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (20711470)

3.30 Piaydays (r) (1520780) 3.50 Casper Classics (2645321) 3.55 Hubuto (7324925) 4.10 Prince of Atlentis (T) (9624234) 4.35 The Mask (T) (6125128) 5.00 Newsround (1) (7082296) 5.10 Grange Hill (1) (1365470) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (821741)

6.00 News (T) and weather (925) 6.30 Newsroom South East (505)

7.00 Hollday A murder crystery weekend at Ripley Castle, North Yorkshire; some unusual wildlife in Wastern Australia; sights and sounds of Tuecany Fuengirois on the Costa del Sol; and a (T) (6166)

7.30 EastEnders Phil finally faces up to his responsibilities (1) (789)

Children's Hospital. The save three-year-old Sean whose asthme leaves him struggling to breath and slipping into unconsciousness (T) (2586)

8.30 The Detectives Briggs and Louis's dreams of a relaxing formight on a police launch are shattered by a Second World War sea mine. Last in series (1) (4321).

9.30 One Foot for the Grave Victor lands in a pickle thanks to a conjuding trick (r) (1) (99963) WALES: 9.30 Week in, Week Out 10,00 One Foot in the Grave 10.30 Inside Story 11.25 FiLM: Next of Kin 1.05am-2.35 FiLM: The Image

10.00 Market Inside Story: Love on the Needle Carrieres follow James Hall, a heroin addict of more than 20 yeers (T) (756389)

10.55 Fill.45: Next of Kim (1989) with Patrick Swayze, Bill Pexton and Liem Neeson. Tough cop Swayze is placed in a moral difference when his younger brother is kelled by a mobister's son. Directed by

12.35am FILM: The Image (1990) with Albert Finney, John Mahoney and Kathy Baker. A television news anchorman chases ratings at all costs. Directed by Peter Werner (T) (7323074) 2.05-2.10 Weether (5210987)

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6.00am Open University: The Shrine at Loreto (6522673) 6.25 Frederick the Great and Sares Souci (6541708) 6.50 History (5501654) 7.15 News (1) (6688760) 7.30 Secret Squirel and Co. 7.55 Blue Peler 8.20 Johnson and Friends 8.35 The Record (9097031) 9.00

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6.25 Heartbreak High Charlie lands in trouble anniversary (T) (832654) 7.19 The O Zone (r) (22475)

7.25 Delia's Red Nose Collection A threechessa omelette soutilé (†) ((670925)

7.30 The Numbers Game Demonstrates what guided missiles, robots and a notorious rape trial have in common (401) 8.00 Home Front Interior designer Anne bedrooms (r) (T) (5988)...

8:30 Food and Drink Michael Barry prepares a pear and almond tart; Jiffy Goolden and Oz. Clarka tasta wine in Portugal (1)

9.00 Hero of the People: The Crucible of War Conclusion of the two-part drama charting the life of surgeon Dr Norman Bethune - in Spein and China. In 1936 during the Spenish Civil War, Dr Bethune used innovative medical techniques, which enabled him to perform the first blood transfusions in combat (2944) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (986499)

10.30 Newanight with Peter Snow (1) (176383)



Dame Dlane Rigg (11.15pm)

Face to Face: Diana Rigg Jeremy Issacs talks to The actress who first found fame in the 1960s series The Avengers (434079)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (85242) 12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University: Traps (35703) 1.00 What's All This Fuss About (17 (77971) 2.00 Moving

to English/Teaching Today (25635) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT (24890) 5.00 Inside Europa 5.30-59 Film Education: Hamlet (86971)

Children's Hospital BBC1, 8.00pm

The triumphalist music that wells up over the opening credits may help to explain the appeal of a show that regularly pulls in nine million viewers. Although it deals with sick kids. Children's Hospital keeps distress to a minimum. The tone is reassuring. The pain and suffering of the young patients is not minimised, but there are experts on hand to deal with it. The level of professionalism is deal with it. The level of professionalism is high, the nurses are wonderful and the children mostly leave in better shape than when they went in. The focus tonight is on asilima. Alder Hey, the Liverpool bospital leatured in the series, deals with 3,000 asilimatic children a year. We meet a couple of them, a charry live-year-old called Danielle, and little Sean, who is seriously ill and not responding to treatment. Also admitted is a lad with severe head injuries.

side Story: Love on the Needle BBC1, 10.00pm Scotland 10.30pm

James Hall has been addicted to hard drugs since he was 15. He is now 38 and has decided that enough in enough. As well as not getting any younger, he has a liver problem. And Natalie, his wife, would like to start a family, something she has not dared to contemplate while he was hooked on heroin. So, after one last binge, he checks into a detox clinic. James Cohen's film tells two stories. One is about James's attempt to kick the habit of 25 years, as he walks out of the first clinic and decides to spend more than £2,000, money he had saved as a deposit on a house, on a second. The other strand is Natalie's unshakeable love for a man who has so often let her down. She, as much anybody, deserves to see him succeed. But the detox, shown in all its harrowing detail, is no guarantee of a cure.

Network First: Breaking the Mirror - The Murdoch Effect ITV, 10.40pm STV 11.20pm

John Pilger presents a typically forthright denunciation of the state of the tabloid press, with particular reference to the Daily Mirror and The Sun. As an old Mirror hand he laments what he sees as the decline of a once the important issues of the day and made the complexities of politics and world affairs accessible to a mass audience. He blames The Sun and its proprietor, Rupert Murdoch, for dragging down the standards of complex investigation and forcing the of popular journalism and forcing the Mirror to do likewise in order to compete. It is not an original charge but Pilger sustains it with the procedures and procedures to the procedure of the procedures and the procedures are sustains. it with the proselytizing veryour that characterises an unreformed man of the Left who is as worried about New Labour as he is scornful of Old Conservatism.

BBC2, 11.15pm

There is nothing like softening up your subject with a compliment, and when Jeremy Isaacs calls Diana Rigg "one of the greatest actresses of our day" you wonder what tough questions are going to follow But Face to Face is a friendlier show than when John Freeman was the unseen interrwhen John Freeman was the unseen inter-ngator, and Rigg is not given too testing a time. It may sound difficult to define acting in a couple of sentences, though Rigg has surely been asked the question many times before. In any case she has a convincing answer, If Rigg is a great actress, rather than arswer, in logis a great actives, rather than a very good one, it may be because of more taxing roles, such as Medea. Mother Courage and Martha in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Isaacs suggests that she is at the peak of her career. No, says Rigg, admitting to SB, just lucky to be getting good peter Waymark.

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6.00mm GMTV (1202383) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1306673; 9.55 Regional News (1) (538143?) 10.00 The Time, the Place (72383) 10.30 This Morning (T) (33634296) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6230031)

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5.10 Getaways (r) (7682673) 5.40 News (I) and weather (176037) 6,00 Home and Away (r) (T) (848944) 6.25 HTV Weather (724925) 6,30 HTV News (T) (673)

7,00 Emmerdale (T) (1234) 7.30 The Trouble with Kids Following a group of parents from Bristol who are having problems controling their children. Tonight, the parent's discover two techniques that bring remarkable results in maintaining discipline (857)

8.00 The Bill: Breaking Up Rawton uncovers a bitter family feud when a woman claims her former husband's mistress is trying to kill her. With Libby Davidson (T) (7654) 8.30 Pet Power Anthea Turner meets the cave

rescue dog which saved a man trapped 200ft underground (T) (6789) 9,00 Peak Practice: Lost Feelings David helps an old triend, now a paraplegic

and his wife to conceive (1) (5383) 10.00 News (T) and weather (45654) 10.30 Regional News (T) (567741)



10.40 Network First: Breaking the Mirror — The Murdoch Effect Journalist John Piloer examines the effect Rupert Murdoch and Robert Maxwell have had on Britain's tabloid newspapers (T) (641012) 11,40 Highlander (884050)

12,35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7471548) 1.05 Ed's Night Party (5048987) 1.30 Stand and Deliver New series (10109) 2.30 The Chart Show (r) (8208819) 3.25 Coach (r) (62204567) 3.50 Football Extra (r) (6806513)

4.30 The Time, the Piace (1) (44066) 5.00 The Village Show (1) (13600) 5.30 News (80797)

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(331095) 3.00 in Focus (3579258) 3,40 Football Extra (1238884) 4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (2072242) 5.20 Asian Eye (2570567)

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7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (857) 11.40-12.35am Prisoner, Cell Block H (884050)

5,00 Freescreen (13600)

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Rescue (T) (550) 6.00 Friends Chandler starts smoking again (r) (T) (846586)

6.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped New ten-pert comedy, entertainment and music series Tonight's guests include Dannii Minogue, Sean Maguire and comedians Lee and Herring (854405)

6.55 Freeh Pop (700505) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (349789) 7.55 The People's Agenda (643031)

8.00 Wings (6/8) The effects of gradual reforestation on the bird population; Rob Society, warns of the danger of returning to the wildwood (T) (5296)

8.30 Brookside Things go wrong for Mick and



9.00 Heroes of Cornedy: Terry-Thomas Lional Jettries, Ltz. Fraser, Nigel Havers and more pay tribute to the gap-toothed comic (r) (1) (3925)

10.00 Seriously Funny (3/5) Why others' misfortunes are turny (1) (3998692) 11.05 FILM: Best of Times (1985) with Robin Williams, Kurt Russell and Pa A man despised by townsfolk for losing a football game in High School, Directed b Roger Spottiswoode (T) (494857)

12.55em FILM: Lilith (1964) with Warren Beatty and Jean Seberg. Beatty plays a young man who is drawn into the private and erotic world of the beautiful Lilith while working in an asylum for rich scheophrenics. Directed by Robert Rosen (43947616)

3.05 FILM: Mickey One (1965, b/w) with Warren Beatty. A comedian with mount-ing debts tries to start a new life. Directed ov Arthur Penn (586722)

4.45 Seven Days Under Mavis (T) (r) (57513) 5.15 Almost Complete History of the 20th Century (r) (T) (5494451) 5.30 Backdate (84567)

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EUROSPORT 7.30mm Athletics Gheril Indoor Meeting (37302) 9.00 Metorsport: Specoworld (75x15) 11.00 Feotball: Eurogoals (83302) 12.00 Bosing: Coin Durine v Lewis Reynolds (35302) 1.00pm Luge: Natural Track World Cup (92578) 1.30 Triathlon-ETU Whiter Cup (55186) 2.00 Territs: European Community Championship —



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GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Krypton Factor (1774578) 6.30 It's Fun to Read (80741692) 6.45 The Magic Ball (41586470) 7.00 Alphabet Zoo (765654) 7.15 It's Fun to Read (4917418) 7.30 Jackson Pane (3807489) 9.00 Classic Committee Sarret (2603218) 8.30 Families (2604586) 9.00 The Professionals (5479186) 10.00 On The Busse (6983898) 10.30 Brass (2517050) 11.00 Within These Walls (3816147) 12.00 Casic Commoder Street (2706302) 12.300am Families Walls (2006302) 12:30pm Fardics (2763055) 1.00 Crown Court (2810963) 1.30 Traveling Man (2040505) 4.00 Charge 2 (6105708) 4.30 On the Buses (6194692) 5.00 The Professional (619/692) 5.00 The Professionals (3881673) 6.00 Classic Coronation Single (6182857) 6.30 Frimbes (6106437) 7.00

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# Lions leave de Glanville off wanted list



BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

EVEN if Phil de Glanville should find himself leading England to a grand slam in the five nations' championship next month - and, after a runaway start against Scotland and Ireland, that cannot be ruled out — he is unlikely to graduate to the elite of British rugby after his omission from the preliminary squad named yesterday for the British Isles tour to South Africa this

After three successes in his three full internationals as captain (England's meeting with the New Zealand Barbarians last November was not a capped match), it is a slap in the face for de Glanville that he is not one of the 62 names from which the Lions selectors will hope to draw most of their 35-strong touring party, to be announced on April I. Indeed, the composition of the squad. which will meet in Birmingham on March 11, indicates

that the Lions are at odds with choice includes some curios-

Not one of the four threequarters who played in the 46-6 win over Ireland on Saturday finds a place. Of that quartet, Will Carling had al-ready made himself unavailable, but neither Tony Underwood, a Lion in New Zealand in 1993, nor Jon Sleightholme, both of whom scored two tries against the Irish, are included. Instead, the Lions have invited Jeremy Guscott, Will Greenwood and Adedayo

Adebayo to the Birmingham meeting with the 11-strong management team. That date may not fill England with joy anyway, since it falls on a regular training day before the international with Wales. "This is by no means the final squad and those who are

not included so far should not very least, however, it is an indication of the way the Lions are thinking and their initial

Underwood. The same kind of ities, among them Simon encouragement has been held Geoghegan, the Bath and out to other long-term casual-Ireland wing whose first-class rugby this season has amountties such as Matt Dawson and Martin Bayfield, though lan McGeechan, the Lions coach. ed to little more than an hour. A fully-fit Geoghegan would should be in no doubt about be an automatic Lions selec-

their fitness since he coaches tion, but two toe operations them at Northampton. this season have kept him out The squad was chosen besince Bath's league game with Orrell. He is due to resume fore the internationals last weekend and the selection team training with Bath today but obviously has no form to

BRITISH ISLES PRELIMINARY SQUAD

another month. The main point of the Birmingham gathering is to take an early check on availability and to ensure the main terms of the contracts on offer are fully under-stood," Cotton said. "We need to know that they feel comfortable with what is on offer.

"My view, having talked to many of the players, is that the money is not the most important factor. This is the pinnacle

of any player's career and the

the honour." The manager hopes that the core of his party will come from this squad. which embraces 27 Englishmen, 13 each from Wales and Ireland, and only nine Scots. In strict rugby terms, de Glanville finds himself com-

peting not only with Guscott and Greenwood (one of three uncapped Englishmen in the squad. along with Jim Mallinder and Martin Corry), but Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman, the in-form Wales centres. From a purely parochial English point of view, Jack Rowell might not be averse to having his chosen captain alongside him on this summer's tour to Argentina which Rowell, the England coach, perceives as a vital stepping stone in the develop-

ment of Club England. Were that tour to prove successful, at the same time as England's best are winning additional experience in South Africa with the Lions, then England would go into a new

armoury than they entered the present one. That, however, is to ignore the individual ambitions of players, many of whom still prize the chance to wear the red shirt of the Lions; de Gianville, it will be remembered, played for England in South Africa three years ago, when Guscott was injured, and performed well.

The selection of Mallinder, 30, the Sale full back, will owe much to Cotton's intimate knowledge of his attacking skills, though he has made no more than two appearances one as a replacement — for England A. "I am completely shocked and delighted to get the call." Mallinder said. "If I play well, you never know what might happen."

rugby has its own problems. Already facing an inquiry into financial irregularities, a leading official is being accused of racist remarks and a player, so far unnamed, has tested positive after a drugs test.

# Leicester move to stamp out crowd trouble

LEICESTER City announced yesterday that the club is to hold an inquiry into crowd trouble at the FA Cup fifthround tie against Chelsea on Sunday, when 40 people were

ejected and ten arrested. On a hectic day at Filbert Street, the East Midlands club gned Robert Ullathorne in time for the first leg of its Coca-Cola Cup semi-final at home to Wimbledon tonight.

The Football Association will take soundings from the police and await the report of Mike Reed, the referee, before deciding whether to take action about the crowd

Of the eight people charged to appear before Leicester

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ticket to get into a game is medieval." are accused of public order offences and one of ticket

Tom Smeaton, the Leicester chairman, said that the club is to experiment with a high-tech swipe-card entry system in an attempt to prevent a repetition of the problems encountered on Sunday. It will be tested before the end of the season and, if successful, will be introduced at Filbert Street next season.

The swipe card will contain a picture and allow fans to buy drinks and club merchandising in a similar way to a credit or debit card," Smeaton said. I am very keen on security think the idea of fans queueing

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troublemakers and ban them. Smeaton believes that Chelsea supporters managed to buy tickets in areas used by home supporters with the help of taxi drivers from Leicester.

The card will also make it

easier for Leicester to identify

Taxi drivers had been given money by Chelsea fans and kept turning up and buying tickets," Smeaton said. "As soon as we realised what was happening, we stopped selling

Viewers watching live coverage on the BBC were unaware of the scale of disturbances until it was raised by Jimmy Hill during the half-time interval. Desmond Lynam, the presenter of the programme, explained that, by restricting footage to shots of the crowd as the trouble began to subside, the hooligans had been denied

publicity. A BBC spokesman justified the decision yesterday by say-ing: "The trouble was referred to visually and verbally but, like the referee, who continued with the match, we concentrat-

ed on the football." Nevertheless, the first-half incidents deflected attention away from the recovery of Leicester, who fought back from 2-0 down to earn a replay against the Cup favourites, despite missing four players through suspension.

Emile Heskey and Muzzy Izzet are available again tonight, while Ullathorne will make his debut on the left side of midfield, having joined from Osasuna, the Spanish club, in a £600,000 deal. Of that, Norwich City will collect £100,000 as a compensatory payment under the Bosman ruling, because he is back in England within 12 months of leaving the country on a free

"It does not worry me that Rob has not trained with the players," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said.

Wimbledon are also still involved in both cup competi-tions and, while Leicester would prefer not to have been playing two days after the Chelsea game, Wimbledon's schedule of 11 matches in five weeks is even more daunting.

"Every time we play now it is viewed as an important game," Joe Kinnear, the Wim-bledon manager, said. "It shows how Wimbledon have risen up the scale." The first leg of the other

Coca-Cola Cup semi-final sees Stockport County entertain Middlesbrough tumorrow. ☐ Brighton supporters have called off a planned boycott of their Nationwide League third division match at home to Swansea City on Saturday. Supporters groups are in-stead appealing for maximum assistance to be given to Steve Gritt, the club's manager, and the team in the battle for league survival.



# Rusedski foiled by injury

GREG RUSEDSKI, Britain's second-ranked tennis player behind Tim Henman, outplayed Pete Sampras, the world No i, to take the first set 6-3 in the final of the Sybase Open in San José, California - but, with the finest win of his career beckoning. Rusedski was forced to concede the match because of

tiring at 50 down in the Another disappointment for Rusedski, 23, was that despite his exploits in the tournament - be beat Michael Chang in the quarter-finals and Andre Agassi in the semi-finals - he has gone up only three places, from 39 to

36, in the latest ATP Tour

damaged wrist ligaments, re-

Henman has slipped from 17 to 19 after his first-round defeat in the Dubai Open but British tennis can take heart from the fact that its two

By OUR SPORTS STAFF In the Davis Cup, they offer real hope of beloing Britain to gain promotion back to the top flight.

One of the reasons for Rusedski's moderate rise is his performance in the same event last year, when he was beaten by Sampras in the quarter-finals. The points he gained then have now been

Martina Hingis, 16, remained second in the WTA rankings yesterday despite earning almost ten times as much prizemoney as Steffi Graf, the world No I, this year.

dropped. Rusedski, who is to see a specialist in Los Angeles, is almost certain to pull out of an event in Memphis this

"My wrist had been hurting me on the morning before the match, then at 20 in the second set it seemed to be getting worse," he said. "I

couldn't serve or hit my forehand properly, so there was really no point in continning." Rusedski then pleaded

for a standard ball to be used. "You play one week with a Slazenger, which is soft, you play with an ATP Tour ball, then you play with a hard Wilson ball," Rusedski said. They've got to do something about this because it's causing players arm and wris problems."

Sampras, who said that Rusedski had played some of the best tennis he had seen during that first set on Sunday, was more inclined to blame the power he puts into his service as the cause of his injury. "I think Greg's trouble is that he sometimes serves at 139mph and that can't be good for your arm," he said. "He serves so hard, with so much wrist, that it's not surprising he has a problem. I was sorry about what happened to him. He was very close to winning

# Strang keen to get experience

PAUL STRANG, the Zimbabwe leg spinner, who will be Kent's overseas player for the forthcoming season, believes his game will benefit greatly from having to learn to adapt

Strang, 20, who is replacing Carl Hooper, the West Indies all-rounder, said yesterday: "I've made no secret of the fact that I'd like to play county cricket. I consider it as an important challenge for someone who has get a lot to learn. Obviously, you can't bowl on what you like all the time but the last few summers in quite dry and the pitches have started to break up and turn

later on." Although Strang is unsure of the exact make-up of the Kent side he will be joining, he is expecting to play for a wellsupported county with an aggressive approach to the

His Test career is still in its infancy but he has enjoyed a good spell over the past six months. He has so far taken 32 wickets at an average of 39.93, and has captured five wickets in an innings on three occa-sions — against Pakistan, Sri pared to be Lanka and England — with a ty player."

best return of five for 106 against Sri Lanka in Colombo

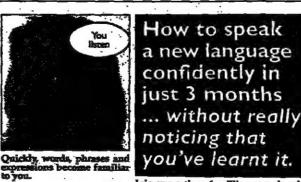
He has also been a dependable lower-order batsman for Zimbabwe, scoring 505 runs at an impressive average of 31.56. His highest innings, 106 not out, was achieved against Pakistan.

Strang, who is also a bril-liant fielder in the deep, will join his new colleagues on April 18, after Zimbabwe have played in the Sharjah one-day tournament against Pakistan

Shaum Udal, the Hampshire off spinner, who toured Australia with England in 1994-95, has admitted that if he has further fitness probtems and his form does not improve he will have to consider his future in the game.

Udal, who has played in ten one-day internationals, said: If there is no improvement this summer I may have to sit down and think if I should play on. My rib injury is not career threatening at the moment but you have to be practical. If you aren't playing for England, cricket is not lucrative. I'm just not prepared to be an ordinary coun-

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